

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of
Middleboro, Mass.

for the
YEAR 1916



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Town Clerk.

ALBERT A. THOMAS

*Term expires 1918**Treasurer and Collector.*

ALBERT A. THOMAS.

*Selectmen.*HENRY B. SCHLUETER
EDWARD H. CROMWELL
BOURNE WOOD*Term expires 1917*
Term expires 1918
*Term expires 1919**Overseers of the Poor.*EDWIN F. WITHAM
WILLIAM M. HASKINS
ALLERTON THOMPSON
CHARLES M. THATCHER*Resigned July 1916*
Term expires 1917
Term expires 1918
*Term expires 1919**School Committee.*GRANVILLE E. TILLSON
JOHN V. SULLIVAN
GEORGE W. STETSON
THEODORE N. WOOD
REGINALD W. DRAKE
E. T. PEIRCE JENKS*Term expires 1917*
Term expires 1917
Term expires 1918
Term expires 1918
Term expires 1919
*Term expires 1919**Superintendent of Schools.*

CHARLES H. BATES.

Municipal Light Board.

WILLIAM A. ANDREWS	<i>Term expires 1917</i>
HARLAS L. CUSHMAN	<i>Term expires 1918</i>
BURTON DINSMORE	<i>Term expires 1919</i>

Board of Health.

JOHN J. PEARSON	<i>Term expires 1917</i>
DR. FRANCIS A. ROBINSON	<i>Term expires 1918</i>
JOHN H. WHEELER	<i>Term expires 1919</i>

Superintendent of Streets.

WILLIAM H. CONNOR.

Registrars of Voters.

WALTER M. CHIPMAN	<i>Term expires 1917</i>
LORENZO WOOD	<i>Term expires 1918</i>
WILLIAM J. COUGHLIN	<i>Term expires 1919</i>

Trustees of the Public Library.

WALTER SAMPSON	<i>Term expires 1917</i>
*WARREN H. SOUTHWORTH	<i>Term expires 1917</i>
NATHAN WASHBURN	<i>Term expires 1917</i>
HENRY W. SEARS	<i>Term expires 1918</i>
*DAVID G. PRATT	<i>Term expires 1918</i>
KENELM WINSLOW	<i>Term expires 1918</i>
ALLAN R. THATCHER	<i>Term expires 1919</i>
EDWARD S. HATHAWAY	<i>Term expires 1919</i>
THEODORE N. WOOD	<i>Term expires 1919</i>

Constables.

F. HERBERT BATCHELDER
 WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN
 FRANK W. HASTAY
 G. LOUIS HATHAWAY
 GEORGE H. MORSE
 FRED C. SPARROW
 CHARLES M. THATCHER
 ICHABOD B. THOMAS

Fish Wardens.

BOURNE WOOD EDWARD H. CROMWELL
 HENRY B. SCHLUETER.

Tree Warden

LUTHER S. BAILEY

Auditor

WILLIAM W. BRACKETT

Moth Superintendent.

LINAM CHUTE.

*Deceased.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

of

Town of Middleboro, Mass.

for the

YEAR 1916

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

ORGANIZATION, 1916-1917.

GRANVILLE E. TILLSON, *Chairman.*

CHARLES H. BATES, *Secretary.*

MEMBERS.

	Term Expires
GRANVILLE E. TILLSON, 141 So. Main St.,	1917
JOHN V. SULLIVAN, 114 So. Main St.,	1917
GEORGE W. STETSON, 118 So. Main St.,	1918
THEODORE N. WOOD, 15 School St.,	1918
E. T. PIERCE JENKS, 26 No. Main St.,	1919
REGINALD W. DRAKE, 45 Pierce St.,	1919

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

CHARLES H. BATES, 25 East Grove St.

Telephone 81-W.

Office, Room 7, Town Hall.

Telephone 81-R.

Office Hours, School Days: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 4 to 5 P. M., Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 to 9 A. M.

Regular meetings of the School Board are held in Room 7, Town Hall, on the first Thursday of each month, excepting July and August, at 7.30 P. M.

All bills against the School Department should be sent to the Secretary's office not later than the Wednesday preceding the first Thursday of each month.

MEETINGS 1917-1918.

1917.

Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, June 28, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Dec. 27. •

1918.

Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, June 27.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

Thomastown, South Middleboro, Rock and Highland Schools,
GRANVILLE E. TILLSON.

School Street, Fall Brook and Purchase Schools,
THEODORE N. WOOD.

High, Green and Waterville Schools,
E. T. PIERCE JENKS.

Union Street, Town House and Wappanucket Schools,
GEORGE W. STETSON.

Forest Street, Pleasant Street and Plymouth Street Schools,
REGINALD W. DRAKE.

West Side, Soule and Thompsonville Schools,
JOHN V. SULLIVAN.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

DR. JAMES H. BURKHEAD, 11 Pierce Street.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

SAMUEL S. LOVELL,

210 Centre Street.

JANITORS OF CENTRAL BUILDINGS.

High School, CHARLES H. GOODWIN, Forest St. Extension.
 Union Street and Town House Schools, S. EDWARD MATT-
 HEWS, 7 School St.

School Street School, THOMAS S. PHINNEY, 24 Pearl St.
 Forest Street School, MARTIN HANLEY, 85 Oak Street.
 West Side School, SAMUEL S. LOVELL, 210 Centre Street.

 TOWN OF MIDDLEBORO.

In School Committee.

Feb. 7, 1917.

Voted:—That the reports of the Secretary of the Board, Superintendent of Schools, Principal of the High School, Supervisors of Manual Arts, Music, and Penmanship, School Physician, and School Attendance Officer be accepted and presented to the town by the School Board.

CHARLES H. BATES,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Middleboro, Mass, Feb. 1, 1917.

To the Citizens of Middleboro;—

The following financial report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1916, is respectfully submitted:—

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. CURRENT EXPENDITURES.

DR.

Appropriation, 1916.

Salaries	\$32,200.00	
Janitors	2,600.00	
Fuel	2,100.00	
Books, Supplies and Printing	2,400.00	
Tuition	52.00	
Rent	500.00	
Water Supply	250.00	
Sundries	850.00	
	<hr/>	\$40,952.00
Less Estimated Income	\$4,802.00	
	<hr/>	\$36,150.00
Balance 1915		\$1,085.10
Town of Lakeville, tuition	\$1,786.13	
“ “ Raynham, tuition	13.20	
“ “ Halifax, tuition	55.00	
“ “ Plympton, tuition	242.18	
“ “ Rochester, tuition	110.00	

City of Boston, City Wards, tuition	117.25	
State Treasurer, State Wards, tuition,	815.10	
Pierce Trustees, Commercial Course	1,185.00	
Incidentals	4.25	
	<hr/>	\$4,328.11
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		\$41,563.21

CR.

Salaries	\$32,227.65	
Janitors	2,538.25	
Fuel	2,100.54	
Books, Supplies and Printing	2,585.74	
Tuition	50.00	
Rent	500.00	
Water Supply	239.60	
Sundries	1,113.24	
	<hr/>	\$41,355.02
Balance		\$208.19

SCHOOL COMMITTEE SALARIES.

DR.

Appropriation	\$150.00
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CR.

Granville E. Tillson	\$25.00	
E. T. Pierce Jenks	25.00	
George W. Stetson	25.00	
Theodore N. Wood	25.00	
Reginald W. Drake	25.00	
John V. Sullivan	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$150.00

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

DR.

Appropriation	\$300.00
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CR.

Dr. J. H. Burkhead	\$300.00
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TRANSPORTATION.

DR.

Appropriation	\$3,200.00	
Balance 1915	95.53	
	<hr/>	\$3,295.53

CR.

Expended		\$3,054.19
Balance		\$241.34

REPAIRS.

DR.

Appropriation	\$1,675.00	
Balance 1915	27.57	
	<hr/>	\$1,702.57

CR.

Expended		\$2,102.72
Deficit		400.15

SUMMARY.

Whole amount available for school purposes	\$41,011.31
Total expenditures	46,961.93
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Balance 1916	\$49.38

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
INSTRUCTION.

Central Schools.

High School	\$8,901.25	
Town House School	1,440.00	
Union Street School	2,315.00	
School Street School	5,600.00	
Forest Street School	1,147.00	
West Side School	2,363.00	
Student Teachers	43.66	
	<hr/>	\$21,809.91

Suburban Schools.

Pleasant Street School	\$519.00	
Plymouth Street School	519.00	
Purchade School	499.00	
Thompsonville School	499.00	
Soule School	499.00	
Waterville School	499.00	
Green School	585.00	
Fall Brook School	532.75	
Thomastown School	499.00	
Rock School	585.00	
South Middleboro School	519.00	
Highland School	499.00	
Wappanucket School	499.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,752.75

SUPERVISORS.

Manual Arts	\$600.00	
Music	600.00	
High School Athletics	65.00	
Stamp Saving System	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,315.00

JANITORS.

Central Schools.

High School	\$550.00	
Town House and Union Street School	420.00	
School Street School	600.00	
Forest Street School	180.00	
West Side School	240.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,990.00

Suburban Schools.

Pleasant Street School	\$66.25	
Plymouth Street School	70.00	
Purchade School	58.50	
Thompsonville School	26.25	
Soule School	38.50	
Waterville School	26.25	

Fall Brook School	35.00	
South Middleboro School	35.00	
Rock School	52.50	
Highland School	35.00	
Green School	35.00	
Thomastown School	35.00	
Wappanucket School	35.00	
	<hr/>	\$548.25

FUEL.

Central Schools.

James L. Jenney, coal	\$1,682.74	
B. C. Shaw, wood	21.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,703.74

Suburban Schools.

J. E. Cushman, wood	\$7.00	
Jas. L. Jenny, wood and coal	79.70	
Bryant & Soule, coal	14.25	
J. H. Thomas, wood	38.32	
T. C. Savery, wood	87.38	
L. M. Fuller, wood	36.00	
T. D. Creedon, wood	25.00	
L. C. Decker, wood	56.50	
C. N. Atwood & Son, wood	52.65	
	<hr/>	\$396.80

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

E. E. Babb & Co., books and supplies	\$1,442.10
J. L. Hammett Co., books and supplies	314.28
D. C. Heath & Co., books	109.46
Milton Bradley & Co., supplies	29.08
J. F. McCluskey, supplies	23.10
Ginn & Co., books	99.36
American Book Co., books	44.19
A. N. Palmer Co., books	45.88
Silver, Burdett & Co., books	35.12
J. F. Boucher, supplies	1.80
B. H. Sanborn Co., books	22.50
B. F. Munroe Co., supplies	5.47
Chas. E. Merrill Co., books	13.32

Kinney Bros. & Wolkins, supplies	14.11
F. J. Barnard Co., rebinding books	14.42
Remington Typewriter Co., typewriter	20.00
Allyn & Bacon, books	21.12
Harry E. Rodgers, supplies	5.80
David Farquhar, rebinding books	62.00
Levi L. Crane, pens	11.40
Wadsworth, Howland Co., supplies	13.29
C. C. Burchard Co., music books	24.34
Union Paste Co., supplies	.60
Scott, Foresman Co., books	.90
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	\$2,373.64

PRINTING.

H. L. Thatcher & Co.,	\$128.10
Lorenzo Wood	68.00
C. A. Hack & Son, reports	16.00
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	\$212.10

SUNDRIES.

Middleboro Gas & Electric Plant, lights	\$70.46
Whitcomb & Owens, cartage	7.52
Chester A. Parker, water for Fall Brook School	5.00
H. B. Wentworth, piano rental and sundries	37.75
T. W. Pierce Co., sundries	16.06
F. N. Whitman, sundries	38.00
Adams Express Co., express	20.39
Maxim Motor Co., sundries	1.00
E. F. Tinkham, clocks	13.50
George E. Doane, sundries	44.83
Lucas & Thomas, dustbane	2.25
R. M. Bassett, sundries	4.23
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone rentals	90.47
E. H. Blake, keys	6.84
A. C. Crossboom & Co., sundries	.75
T. G. Sisson, cartage and freight	32.91
Charles F. Anderson, sundries	2.40
C. N. Atwood & Son, sundries	1.80
W. L. Soule, curtains and chairs	12.40
L. O. Tillson, sundries for High School	29.97
John R. McGrady, carting ashes, etc.	9.00

Henry Howe, sundries	3.66
Eleanor A. Barden, monitor service	20.00
Clara C. Wood, cash paid	.80
Alta E. Battles, cash paid	.90
J. C. Boynton & Son, sundries	.30
P. H. Pierce Co., sundries	3.20
T. S. Phinney, cleaning suburban buildings	70.15
T. S. Westgate, water for Rock School	5.00
Somerville Brush Co., sundries	12.33
Walter Sampson, sundries High School	6.08
Louise H. Scott, filling in certificates	3.75
F. W. Martin Co., engrossing diplomas	7.75
Standard Oil Co., oil	20.70
M. L. Hinkley, clock	5.25
T. I. Dadmun Co., brushes	3.06
C. L. Hathaway & Co., brushes	.85
Remington Typewriter Co., repairs	3.55
Percy B. Bragdon, inspecting boilers	4.00
Lloyd Perkins, sundries	271.19
W. C. Thomas, sundries	1.75
Town of Middleboro, sundries	57.00
T. G. Matthews, sundries	4.65
Eagle Express Co., express	1.20
Alger Paper Box Co., sundries	5.00
J. T. Carver, sundries	2.63
Union Publishing Co., directory	2.00
Zenas E. Phinney, sundries	38.13
Sears Lumber Co., supplies	3.92
Thomas & Benn, supplies	20.65
Middleboro Board of Health, desk	15.00
C. W. Maxim, fire extinguishers, Union Street	23.99
S. S. Lovell, salary truant officer, sundries	47.23

\$1,113.24

TRANSPORTATION.

SCHOOL TEAMS.

Pleasant Street School	
Arthur F. Staffin	\$376.50
Emila Van Steenburgh	43.75
Samuel Chuckran	68.75
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	\$489.00

Thompsonville School		
David N. Wetherbee		\$211.25
Thomastown School		
Eben A. Shaw	\$232.00	
Walter A. Shaw	84.00	
	<hr/>	\$316.00
South Middleboro School		
M. P. Azervedo		\$339.75
Wappanucket School		
Clement W. Barrows		\$422.50
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		\$1,778.50

SUPERVISORS.

Grace G. Pierce	\$125.00	
Mary L. Cook	7.55	
	<hr/>	\$132.55

WEST SIDE SCHOOL.

Mary Gomes	\$39.25	
W. B. Munroe	16.10	
	<hr/>	\$55.35

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

Winter term	\$260.19	
Spring term	267.36	
Fall term	320.09	
	<hr/>	\$847.64

TOWN HOUSE SCHOOL.

Winter term	\$114.32	
Spring term	111.73	
	<hr/>	\$226.05

School Street School		\$14.10
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REPAIRS.

Sears Lumber Co., material Union Street, School Street		\$275.85
Lloyd Perkins, labor Union Street, Soule, West Side		343.18

R. M. Bassett, labor School Street	6.40
Thomas & Benn, labor West Side, School Street	158.63
D. T. Weston, labor Thomastown	2.00
Josiah T. Carver, labor	.60
Elliott W. Harlow, labor High School	197.20
Martin F. Jefferson, labor Highland School	1.00
T. F. Boucher, labor Union Street	261.22
Zenas E. Phinney, labor Union Street	127.35
C. H. Ryder, labor So. Middleboro School	37.00
C. F. Gay, labor, West Side School	4.24
George E. Doane, material	32.16
T. G. Matthews, labor at Soule	12.32
F. C. Sparrow, labor Union Street School	22.00
C. H. Shaw, labor	5.11
T. S. Phinney, labor, suburban buildings	19.82
John V. Sullivan, cash paid for labor	2.65
T. W. Pierce Co., material	2.60
F. A. Johnson, labor, High School, School Street	544.89
Town of Middleboro, labor, High School	46.50

\$2,102.72

The estimated expenses for 1917 are \$49,926.00, divided as follows:

Salaries	\$34,100.00
Care of buildings	2,750.00
Fuel	2,400.00
Books, supplies and printing	3,000.00
Sundries	900.00
Insurance	1,026.00
Water supply	250.00
Tuition, Bridgewater	50.00
School physician	300.00
School committee	150.00
Rent of Town House rooms	500.00
Transportation	3,000.00
Repairs	1,500.00

\$49,926.00

The total amount to be appropriated to meet this estimated cost will be \$43,475.00. This is \$2,000 more than the appropriation of 1916 and \$1475 more than the appropriation of 1915. The total appropriation in 1915 was \$42,000.00, and in 1916, \$41,475.00.

COMPARATIVE EXPENSE TABLE.

1906—1916

	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916
Instruction, Superintendence, Care of Buildings, and Fuel	\$24,393.14	\$26,679.59	\$27,646.07	\$28,100.74	\$30,036.61	\$32,194.06	\$33,461.45	\$33,099.37	\$35,214.85	\$35,270.36	\$36,866.44
Books and Supplies	1,667.42	1,665.61	1,506.53	1,822.54	1,730.06	1,966.81	1,852.74	2,135.62	3,285.90	2,223.75	2,373.64
Printing	208.40	173.77	212.32	157.27	175.77	184.34	192.25	174.21	204.02	181.46	212.10
Sundries	589.64	470.45	631.71	601.26	836.54	710.12	678.59	672.40	970.59	856.50	1,113.24
Transportation to High School	765.12	511.59	542.60	595.30	617.10	580.45	473.65	558.55	605.80	783.56	847.64
Transportation to Elementary Schools	1,375.18	1,398.54	1,369.85	1,496.25	975.21	1,188.25	1,207.55	1,774.25	2,487.30	2,487.38	2,064.00
Repairs	1,558.44	1,025.80	1,007.82	1,526.09	1,050.27	1,052.06	1,755.51	3,181.99	1,968.39	1,679.07	2,102.72
Insurance		648.00					648.00				
Rent	300.00	300.00	364.00	396.00	630.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	300.00	500.00	500.00

The following comparative table shows the appropriation and expenditures for 1916, together with the estimates for 1917:

	Appropriation, 1916	Expenditures, 1916	Estimates 1917
Salaries	\$32,200.00	\$32,227.65	\$34,100.00
Care of buildings	2,600.00	2,538.25	2,650.00
Fuel	2,100.00	2,100.54	2,400.00
Books, supplies and printing	2,400.00	2,585.74	3,000.00
Sundries	850.00	1,113.24	1,000.00
Rent	500.00	500.00	500.00
Water supply	250.00	239.60	250.00
School committee	150.00	150.00	150.00
School physician	300.00	300.00	300.00
Tuition	52.00	50.00	50.00
Transportation	3,200.00	3,054.19	3,000.00
Repairs	1,675.00	2,102.72	1,500.00
Insurance			1,026.00

The estimated income from tuition and Pierce trustees for the present year is \$6,451.00.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. BATES,

Secretary of School Board.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

THIRTY-SECOND IN THE SERIES.

Middleboro, Mass., Feb. 1, 1917.

To the School Board;—

In accordance with your regulations I present the following report on the present condition and needs of the schools.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The matter of increased and better school accommodations has occupied so much of the report of the Superintendent in years past that it does not seem necessary to give much space to its further consideration. It is well, however, to state that at a special town meeting in June it was voted to appropriate \$100,000 for the erection of a new high school building, and a committee was appointed to carry the vote into effect.

An architect was selected, plans approved, and bids called for the erection of the building. Owing to the conditions in the building market caused by increased cost of material since the time of the meeting, when the bids were opened it was found that the lowest bid was so greatly in excess of the appropriation, the committee did not deem it best to continue the effort to secure a building within the appropriation and decided rather than to alter the plans of the building (which were what the school should have) to a smaller building inadequate for future growth, to report the whole matter back to the town at the annual March meeting for further instruction.. As this building is more a necessity now than before and as the work of the High School is being seriously curtailed and rendered less efficient in the present quarters, it is earnestly hoped that a new building may soon be erected. I am of the belief that the proposed site for this new building may be open to serious objections, and that a mistake may be made if it is not located on a site where there will be sufficient land for an athletic

field and an addition in the future of a school gymnasium. The open space about the present building in the opinion of many should remain as it is, for with nearly 300 pupils on one side of the proposed building in the old building and 200 or more on the other side in the Union Street building, with opening and closing of schools and recesses at different times, there may result a condition not wholly satisfactory.

UNION STREET BUILDING.

The Union Street building has been a subject of some agitation the past year owing to an idea that conditions in the building were not conducive to the best interests of the pupils in the way of its sanitary arrangements.

Last spring the toilets in the basement were overhauled and placed in excellent condition.

At the special town meeting in June, \$475 were appropriated for repairs. During the summer vacation new floors were laid in all the rooms, the walls were painted, ceilings kalsomined, furniture varnished and every thing placed in excellent condition. No building in town presented a neater appearance. Oct. 11 a fire between the partitions damaged the building, with a loss estimated at \$500.

It broke out just after the opening of the morning session. The teachers are to be commended for their coolness in the situation in getting their pupils out of the building in an orderly manner and avoiding that dread of all school-house fires—a panic. It was a good illustration of the great worth of the fire-drill training.

After a consideration of the matter as to the repairs to be made the Pierce trustees offered to finance the cost of repairs in the building and to install a heating and a ventilating system.

The building has been restored to as good a condition as before the fire, and an excellent heating and ventilating system installed. The toilets and corridors are heated and 14 radiators distributed over the building insure comfortable rooms in the coldest weather. Electric lights have been placed in the basement and each teacher's desk is also thus equipped.

The building today is as well heated and ventilated as any public building in town and the sanitary arrangements are of the best. The state inspector pronounces the work of heating and ventilating to be as good a type of work of its kind that has ever come under his observation. The

conditions at this building as to exits in case of fire, sanitation, heating ventilation and lighting have the approval of the state inspector which cannot be said of some of our other buildings. Over \$3,000 have been expended on this building since last August, and the action of the Pierce trustees in financing this expenditure has given the town a school building that meets modern requirements.

As this building has been placed in a condition for a permanent school building, in order to make it capable of relieving congestion in the grades I would recommend that at the coming summer vacation the two small rooms in the rear be enlarged to accommodate schools of 45 pupils each, where now the seating capacity is only 27 in each room. As the heating and ventilating system was installed with this in view no change in this respect would be required.

ATTENDANCE.

Probably in no one year in the history of the schools of the town have so many different schools been affected by school closure for so many different causes as during the year 1916.

Early in January a destructive fire in the Town House closed the ninth grade in this building for one week. Arrangements were then made to shorten the session of the High School and place this grade in the High School building for a short session in the afternoon from 1 to 4.30. This plan was followed for nearly two months. The regular work was curtailed and the work of the supervisors discontinued during that time. In the spring the Pleasant Street School was closed by the order of the Board of Health for a period of two weeks, owing to an epidemic of chicken-pox.

On May 29 the four schools in the Union Street building were closed by order of the Board of Health for the remainder of the school year and all books, charts, etc., to the value of over \$200 were destroyed by the Board of Health, owing to two cases of diphtheria in the building.

The opening of the fall term of the High School was delayed three weeks and of all the other schools four weeks, owing to an epidemic of infantile paralysis in different sections of the State. The local Board of Health took this action as a precaution against the disease. The Union Street Schools had been in session but 7 days when a fire, Oct. 11, between the partition of the rooms caused the building to be closed for repairs. To house these grades it was arranged

to have the two grades at the Forest Street building attend a morning session and the two lower Union Street grades to occupy the same rooms in the afternoon. The two grades in the Town House were placed on a one-session plan from 8.15 to 12.30, and the two upper grades at the Union Street School occupied the same rooms in the afternoon from 1 to 4.30.

This plan was in operation from Oct. 16 to Jan. 15 when the Union Street building was occupied once more and the seven schools resumed their former schedule. To add to the situation during this period those schools on half-time at the Forest Street School were closed for two weeks by order of the Board of Health, owing to a case of infantile paralysis in the family of one of the pupils attending school in that building. By doing away with the short terms and extending the school year to June 29 practically the length of the school year will be the same for all the elementary schools, excepting those occupying Forest Street at the time of the last closure, as scheduled in the School calendar. The High School year will number 38 weeks as compared with 39 the year before.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The commercial department in this school has been placed on a good working basis, and I feel justified in saying that better results can be expected. The addition of another teacher was needed and when better facilities are provided the department will be stronger.

The English work needs a larger teaching force, and an assistant should be secured for the science department. The need of more adequate quarters is more apparent each year.

The school ranks high in its preparatory work for higher institutions of learning and with enlarged facilities opportunity will be given for the introduction of other courses.

The teachers are faithful and earnest and give much outside time each afternoon to individual instruction. The greatest addition to the cause of education in Middleboro will be a new High School building.

CENTRAL SCHOOLS.

The plan of conducting the work in these schools at the present time is the same as last year. The segregation plan, however, of the ninth grades in the Town House has

been discontinued and the work carried on as it was before the adoption of that place, excepting that departmental work is still carried on in the ninth grade. The Town House rooms are now used for a school composed of seventh and eighth pupils and the work is carried on by the departmental plan, under the instruction of two teachers. I would recommend that next year a change be made in the School Street building whereby two rooms may be used by ninth grade pupils only and that the ninth grade pupils from the Suburban Schools be a part of this grade, forming two ninth grades, and that the work be carried on under the departmental plan in the same way as it has been carried on up to this year in the Town House School. The success of the plan in the Town House School needs no argument.

If the Union Street building is enlarged a plan of grading can be arranged to take care of the central grades next year.

I feel that we are getting good results in these grades, although many of the schools are too large. I commend the principals, the teachers, and the supervisors for their faithful and painstaking efforts.

SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

The total enrollment in the suburban schools is growing smaller. This year the November enrollment, with the ninth grade in the suburban schools, numbered only 395 pupils against 396 last year with nearly all the ninth grade pupils in the Town House School. The yearly enrollment with nearly all the ninth grade pupils in the Town House School for the past two years was 458 and 437 respectively.

The November enrollment for the last six years can be seen by the following data:

1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916
449	440	421	405	396	395

Some of the suburban districts have fallen off greatly in membership, while a few have increased.

A few years ago there were 86 pupils in the Highland School, Middleboro and France districts. There are this term but 40 pupils—13 at the Highland School and 27 from the France and South Middleboro districts at the South Middleboro School. It is a question whether it is best to maintain so many small schools or whether it would not be

more economical and better educationally to consolidate these schools in central buildings. For instance, if a four or five room building were erected near the Rock it would accommodate in four of its rooms the pupils attending now at Fall Brook, South Middleboro, Rock, Wappanucket, Thomastown and Highland. The annual teaching cost under present scale of salaries would be \$2,200. We are now paying an annual expenditure in these six schools for maximum teacher's salaries of \$3,400, an increase of \$1,200 over the consolidated plan. We are also paying \$28 a month for janitor service, and \$135 a month for transportation by school teams to three of these six schools.

A new building with graded schools, large playground, school garden for agricultural work, manual training rooms, and pupils having the services of the different supervisors transported by motor vehicles or on electric cars, would give a system of schools in this section of the town that would compare favorably with any in the state and make this section a better place from an educational standpoint to prepare children for life's duties. Such a plan as outlined is, I believe, worthy of consideration and could be carried out after the erection of the building at not much greater expense than under the present plan.

The same plan is practical in the Green, Thompsonville, Soule and Waterville districts, where a three or four room building, centrally located, could accommodate the present enrollment in three graded schools at an annual expense for teaching of \$1,650, where now the maximum cost for teaching is \$2,250. The present janitor's service in these four schools is \$20 a month and \$25 a month is paid for transportation of pupils.

In both these sections under the suggested plan, there would be a saving of \$1,800 a year in teachers' salaries, the janitor's expense would be not much more than at present and the increased cost in transportation by motor vehicles would fully compensate the returns in better instruction, more adequate school accommodations, up-to-date methods, and better results.

Owing to the size of the school at Fall Brook the two-section plan in operation at the Rock and Green Schools for several years was started in this school in October and has been productive of good results.

A situation existing in the Pleasant Street School district has already been called to your attention. Of the 32 pupils attending this school only six live within two miles of the building. It is costing at the present time \$85 a month during the winter months for the transportation of the other 26.

It would seem that if a building could be erected in some central location to accommodate a large number of these pupils the cost of transportation could be greatly reduced.

I am pleased to state that at the present time I believe we have a very capable corps of teachers in these schools and the work is being done as well as could be expected under existing conditions. I hope that some arrangements may soon be made whereby the supervisors of manual arts and of penmanship may be able to visit the more accessible of these schools for the purpose of personally demonstrating their lines of work to the pupils as well as to find out by actual teaching just the conditions under which the teachers in these schools are working.

I feel that a return to the plan of segregating all the pupils of the ninth grades in town, which was discontinued this year in one school, would be of inestimable advantage to the ninth grade pupils in these schools.

EIGHT GRADE SYSTEM.

When the new High School building is ready for occupancy I would suggest the adoption of the eight grade system plan—using the present High School building for a Junior High School of the seventh, eighth and ninth grades, the ninth grade to be known as the preparatory department of the High School.

This building would then with its six class rooms give adequate provisions for two seventh, two eighth and two ninth grades—retaining the present assembly hall for the same purposes for which it is now used.

I would recommend at that time that the Suburban schools, if no other plan for their betterment is adopted, be also of eight grades and that all pupils in those districts intending to enter the High School shall take the ninth grade work in the preparatory department.

At the School Street building provisions would be given for two sixth, two fifth, two fourth and two third grades.

At the enlarged Union Street building there would be accommodations for two first and two second grades. This

would give a system of schools for these three buildings which would be capable of efficient work.

I believe that the first year's work, if it commences at five years of age, should be largely of a kindergarten nature and conducted on the half-time plan.

FUTURE GRADING.

The future grading of the schools at the centre must look to a smaller number of pupils to the teacher. As it is now many of these schools have too large a membership, several enrolling between 48 and 55 pupils. No school should have an average enrollment of more than 42 and a still smaller number would be more desirable.

In a large school the individual work must suffer and an injustice is done the pupils in expecting the same degree of efficiency under such conditions. With the occupancy of the new High School building, the old building, the enlarged Union Street building and the School Street building would give opportunity for schools of not more than 35 pupils each—a condition which would give to the town in the immediate centre a grading unequaled by many towns in the State.

REVISION OF SALARIES.

A general revision of salaries in the Central Elementary and Suburban Schools was made last June and went into effect in September. Under this plan all elementary female teachers, exclusive of principals who are on the tenure list, which includes those who have served for three successive years since their annual election, shall in the future receive a \$600 salary in the Central Schools and a \$550 salary in the Suburban Schools.

Teachers not on the tenure list shall receive \$550 in the Central Elementary Schools and \$500 in the Suburban Schools. This is a maximum annual increase of \$104 in the Central Schools and \$56 in the Suburban Schools. This increase in salaries has effected 34 positions at a total annual increase of \$3,000.

All teachers are now on a yearly salary instead of being elected at so much per week.

THE ANN WHITE WASHBURN SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Mr. Albert H. Washburn, a resident of Middleboro, has during the past year established a memorial to his mother, known as "The Ann White Washburn Scholarship Fund."

This fund consists of securities, having a par value of \$8,000 and guaranteed to yield an annual income of \$400.

This fund is under the control of five trustees, three residents of Middleboro, one of Kingston and one of Rochester, who have absolute control, management and disposition of it.

The intent of the donor in the establishment of this fund, so far as it relates to the disposition of it by the trustees, is given in the following section of the agreement that contain the articles of trust:

"The Trustees shall award or bestow upon such terms and in such manner as they see fit the income derived from the securities and property constituting the aforesaid Ann White Washburn Scholarship Fund upon any deserving student or students of either sex not exceeding the age of twenty-five years, having a bona-fide residence through his or her or their parents or guardians in the said towns of Middleboro, Kingston, or Rochester for the purpose of aiding such student or students to obtain a liberal or professional education in any university or college of recognized standing as approved by them, the said Trustees, provided, however, that in making all scholarship awards the intent of the subscriber to create a fund as an aid and incentive to students of promise with limited means is always to be kept in mind."

The trustees for this town are George W. Stetson, Esq., E. T. Pierce Jenks and Lorenzo Wood.

It is certainly a grand thing to have such a fund to aid worthy and ambitious students and the people of these towns are indeed indebted to the donor for this act of generosity in establishing this worthy memorial to his honored mother.

NEW ATTENDANCE LAW.

The law of 1916 relative to school attendance has made it necessary to rearrange the plan of enforcement. To attend to the attendance part, the Board has appointed Mr. Samuel S. Lovell as attendance officer, and to carrying out other phases of the law as relates to the school census, has appointed

Mrs. Carrie L. Jones attendance officer, with special duties.

Under the new law the school census is to be taken in April instead of in September, so that in the school report of this year there is no census report. Arrangements also have been made for placing the issuing of labor certificates in charge of the town clerk which will be more convenient to both employer and employee. There are at the present time 120 minors between the ages of 14 and 16 at work who under the law if not at work would be obliged to attend school.

DENTAL CLINIC.

I would call attention to the report of the School Physician in which he recommends closer attention to the care of the children's teeth on the part of the parents.

In his annual examination he found 395 cases of defective teeth which included over 25 per cent. of the pupils examined.

So essential is the necessity of having good teeth, so far as it concerns the present health of the child and its effects on future efficiency, that it would seem to be a part of his education that he should be carefully guarded in this respect, and any movement like the establishing of a school dental clinic would be a great value to our school children.

Here is an opportunity for any of our organizations in town which have the physical betterment of children at heart to assist in a praiseworthy undertaking.

GIFTS.

The following gifts received during the year are hereby acknowledged and our appreciation extended to the donors.

1. Organ to the West Side School by the Rev. T. D. Curtin of the Sacred Heart Church.

2. Piano to the Forest Street School by Mr. E. T. P. Jenks of the School Board.

3. Piano to Thompsonville School by Mr. Fred L. Hanson resident of the district.

4. Picture to Union Street School by Mr. and Mrs. George L. Thomas, in memory of their daughter, Charlotte who died while a pupil in that building.

5. Ten new typewriters with tables and chairs, for the commercial department of the High School at an expense of \$585 by the Pierce trustees.

6. Flags to the High School and Union Street buildings for use in the interior by patriotic societies.

STAMP SAVING SYSTEM.

The Stamp Saving System is meeting with excellent success under the energetic management of Mrs. Lizzie E. B. Tillson, the supervisor and treasurer. The small cost to the town in thus encouraging habits of thrift in our schools is amply justified by the results.

The teachers are to be commended for their interest in encouraging their pupils in this activity and we are glad to say that never in the several years it has been a part of school work have the results been so gratifying.

MOTHERS' CLUBS.

Last year saw the formation of three Mothers' Clubs in connection with our school work.

Probably no one thing has done so much for a better understanding between the homes and the schools, a closer co-operation of teachers and parents, a deeper interest in school work and a clearer appreciation of the worth of our teachers as these clubs have accomplished.

These clubs hold monthly meetings in the several school buildings. Interesting programs with subjects bearing on home and school problems, together with the social features, make these meetings of much worth. Their great helpfulness to parents, teachers and pupils will be more and more apparent.

TUITION.

The School Board voted in June to increase the price of tuition at the High School from \$55 to \$75 a year. The Board felt that owing to the increased expenses in the maintenance of this school that it was justified in taking such action. This will greatly increase the income from this source. The present year will give a revenue of nearly \$3,700 from this source alone.

The State also has increased the amount allowed towns and cities for tuition of State wards from 50 to 75 cents a week. In the past the State has only paid \$19 a year for such tuition while the town charge for tuition in the elementary schools is \$24 a year. The State now pays \$28.50 a year. This applies to all wards of the State, city of Boston, and Lyman School for Boys.

The amount to be deducted from the regular appropriation, this year from this tuition income will be \$4,500 at least.

REPAIRS.

During the summer vacation the eight rooms in the School Street building were thoroughly renovated and are now in excellent condition. Next summer the corridors and basements should be renovated. This is the first general renovation the rooms of the building have received since its occupancy in 1907.

A new coal furnace has replaced the wood furnace at the Soule School and has been very satisfactory.

By order of the state inspector corridor "smoke doors" have been placed on the second floor of the High School building as a precaution against any sudden filling of the corridor with smoke in case of fire. The fire-room in the basement has been sheathed with metal overhead and the approaches to the building place in good condition. The ventilating system in this building needs a complete renovation and the toilets in the basement should be thoroughly overhauled.

At the West Side metal ceilings have been placed in the two upper rooms and electric lights placed in each room, the corridors and basement.

In the Suburban Schools only minor repairs have been done but this year the interior of the South Middleboro, Wappanucket and Highland buildings should be renovated.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the co-operation of the supervisors, the leaders, and the parents in our united efforts for the best results in the education of the children under our charge.

To the citizens of the town for their generous support and to the members of the School Board for their interest and co-operation I extend my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. BATES,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE OFFICER.

[Middleboro, Mass., Jan. 3, 1916.

Mr. C. H. Bates, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—I herewith present my report for the year 1916:

Number of cases investigated	71
Number of cases of truancy	4
Number of cases prosecuted	0
Number of convictions	0
Number on probation	0

Thirteen of the cases investigated were in the Suburban Schools.

Yours respectfully,

S. S. LOVELL,

School Attendance Officer.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Charles H. Bates, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—In accordance with custom I submit the following brief report of the High School: The fall session did not open until September 25 on account of the infantile paralysis epidemic. During the calendar year changes have taken place in our teaching force. Miss Helen R. Towers, teacher of English and German, resigned last spring and Miss Gertrude M. Butler was elected to fill the vacancy. Miss Louise H. Scott, who had been substituting in the commercial department of the school for nearly two years, concluded her labors at the end of the school year. The department had grown so large that it was necessary to have an additional teacher. Mr. Raymond S. Dower was elected as head of the department and Miss Winifred A. Thomas as assistant. Miss Grace Allen, who has been an efficient teacher in the school for the past twenty-one years, was given leave of absence for the fall term until after the Thanksgiving recess, and Mrs. Charles F. Philbrook served as substitute.

There has been a material increase in the number of students. The total enrollment during the fall term was 274, 123 boys and 151 girls. The tuition for out-of-town pupils has been increased from \$55 to \$75 per year. The number of tuition pupils at the beginning of the fall term was 51. The number of town pupils that drew transportation money for the fall term was 67.

The work of the school is handicapped by conditions that can not be overcome until our new High School building is erected. We have a shortage of teachers. In order to meet the requirements of the State Board of Education there should be an addition of two teachers to our present force. I quote the following from the requirements of the State Board of Education relative to granting a High School the privilege of sending students to State Normal Schools by the certificate of the principal: "No teacher who instructs six classes shall have a sum of more than 100 pupils in these classes." Six of our teachers have the following numbers in all their classes combined: 175, 155, 138, 132, 129, 101.

We have no courses in Household Arts or Manual Training, courses which are offered in many High Schools of our size. No provision can be made for a lunch counter, which may be found in all well-appointed High Schools. As the subject of Chemistry is taught every other year in our school, the chemical laboratory was dismantled during the summer vacation and fitted up as a typewriting room, on the supposition that the new High School building would be ready for occupancy next fall. In order to fit pupils for a higher education it is necessary to have this subject in our curriculum. The Assembly room is being used for recitation purposes, and the hall on the third floor has been furnished with chairs and electric lights and used as a recitation room since the opening of the fall term. It is a source of great anxiety to the principal now we are going to maintain the efficiency of the school under conditions that are growing more and more problematical.

The graduating class last June numbered 31, 19 girls and 12 boys. Of these 13 are continuing their studies in educational institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER SAMPSON,

Principal of the High School.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MANUAL ARTS.

Mr. Charles H. Bates, Superintendent:

Dear Sir:—The following is a report of the work in drawing and manual training during the past year.

The course in the High School is about the same as in previous years and is going on as well as can be expected under present conditions. This year the drawing classes have to meet in a class room which makes the study of light and shade practically impossible as the lighting cannot be arranged for such work. More advanced subjects are taken up by a few pupils in the mechanical class than for several years. Architectural drawing, inking and blue printing are studied by the advanced pupils while the other division is working on geometric problems, projection and working drawings.

The free hand division has done some good work in printing, design, appearance drawing and decorative arrangement in flat tones of gray and color. This winter the human figure in costume will be studied, first from the cast and later from life.

The work in the grades follows the same general plan and is done under the same conditions as described in the report of two years ago.

More time has been given to the study of color combination that the pupils may have a finer color sense and develop an appreciation of taste for beautiful and harmonious color. This is very important as so much of our comfort and pleasure in every day life depends upon color in our surroundings.

The usual study has been given to nature and appearance drawing, perspective principles, illustrative drawing and working drawing. Stick printing has been used in design and very successful results were obtained by the use of cranberries cut in halves across the core to serve as a stamp for printing borders on calendar mounts, book covers, etc.

Manual work is given through Grade VI but should be continued through Grade VII as the elementary work in both book binding and sewing is not completed in Grade VI. The girls in this grade are hardly advanced enough and have not time to carry out the simple cutting and making problems such as undergarments, kimonos, aprons, etc., which should be completed before the sewing course is

dropped. In Grade VII this could be done, and at the same time the boys could finish the book binding problems and learn to use the knife skilfully, making the wooden toys, so popular now, out of their wood, brads and glue. These problems are not only very interesting to make but the results have a commercial value.

Manual work in these middle grades I consider of greater importance than in other grades, not as a means of teaching the child any form of manual work which he might use later in gaining a livelihood but simply for the training it gives him resulting in ability to use his hands skillfully, to plan and carry the construction of any piece of work, to follow directions exactly, and to work with accuracy, precision and rapidity. Upon this foundation he is far better fitted to take up some form of vocational works later than he is without it.

The boys in Grade VI made crayon boxes to supply nearly all the primary grades. Those at Union Street were burned last spring so they are making another set for that building. The crayons come in flimsy paper boxes and are soon broken and lost unless stiff card boxes are provided. After the boys have each made one or two complete boxes and learned all the processes from beginning to end they work in groups, each group does one kind of work and passes it on to the next, as in a factory. A box goes through the hands of seven boys before it is completed. In this way a large order can be done much more quickly and the work will be more accurate. Each boy knows that his work is to be examined by the next boy and any mistake or inaccuracy reported. The effect of team work in this subject is the same as in any other kind of team work. The boy forgets himself and his personal preferences and does uninteresting parts of the work carefully and cheerfully that the best possible results may be sent out.

Last year the boys in Grades V-VI made albums to hold their arianola records.

It has been the aim, as far as possible, to make the manual problems practical and of value to the schools.

Many of the teachers are to be commended for their enthusiasm and thorough work, and especially those in the middle grades who trade the manual work themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. COOK.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Middleboro, Mass., Jan. 1, 1917.

Mr. Charles H. Bates, Supt. of Schools:

Dear Sir:—It gives me pleasure to submit to you the following report of the work in the Music Department of the Middleboro Schools:

The primary aim of music instruction in the public schools should be the development of a lasting love for the best in music and an intelligent appreciation of it. To achieve these desirable results, the course in music has been divided or organized under four separate though closely related lines of study, namely, Music Appreciation, Voice Culture, Sight-Reading and Interpretation.

The material used in the daily lessons will naturally influence most strongly the pupil's attitude toward music.

The material of the Progressive Series which is being introduced into our schools, is rich in beautiful and inspired songs; folk songs of many lands, art songs of the masters of a by-gone day expressive of modern thought and feeling, contributed by many of the foremost composers of our time.

The course in addition to the folk songs and art songs, presents a number of themes from the larger forms, notably from symphonies and operas. The study of these themes develops the desire to hear, and helps the children to follow with interest, the complete works from which they have been taken.

The first two years in music are filled with songs, or as we call them, musical experiences. From Grade Three upward through the eighth grade the fundamental tonal and rhythmic concepts gained in the first two school years are classified and organized as definite musical problems for drill. These former musical experiences are related and associated through drill, and the musical vocabulary thus acquired is organized, extended and thoroughly memorized until its use becomes automatic.

Fluent intelligent sight-reading becomes possible through the application of this drill in songs composed of familiar elements in new relations.

In developing a musical problem four steps are taken (1) A familiar song embodying the problem is reviewed, (2) The problem is brought clearly to the children's attention. (3) The problem is isolated from the context and drilled upon. (4) The mastered problem is applied in the reading of new songs in which it occurs.

In introducing the subject of voice culture it is not intended that the term shall include all the phases usually emphasized by private teachers of singing. The object is rather to preserve than to exploit the child voice. The teacher constantly insists that the tone shall be "light and sweet." In the realization of good tone quality the first appeal to the children is in bringing out the instinctive love for the beautiful by kindling the imagination, and by having the children endeavor to express the poetical and musical mood of the song.

This leads to a consideration of Song Interpretation. The teacher leads the children to study each song and to tell the story or give the content of the poem in their own words. She teaches them how to follow, not only the mechanical signs, but how, through an appreciation of the poetry, and through an analysis of the nature and tendency of the music itself, they may arrive at the most effective interpretation of the thought of the poet and of the composer.

The work in the High School has been and is most gratifying. Last Spring the High School chorus gave a very creditable performance of Cowen's "The Rose Maiden" and this year we are planning to give a Miscellaneous Concert to include Gounod's "Gallia." We have a promising High School Orchestra, which is striving to do its part toward creating an increased "School Spirit."

The past year has seen the establishment of a circulating library of Talking Machine Records to be used in all schools having mechanical instruments.

Another innovation was the singing of Christmas Carols on Christmas Eve, in the Town Hall. The public were invited to join the schools in this time honored custom. It is hoped that the idea will expand so that by another Christmastide it will include a Community Christmas Tree with all that it is a symbol of, and that every man, woman and child in our community may have a share in it.

While the primary aim of the Supervisor of Music has been to teach the children not only how to sing but how to **love** to sing, yet above all else she is striving to bring the work of the schools before the public in such a way as to invite its interest and therefore its co-operation and so bring the community into closer relation to its schools and the work that they are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE G. PIERCE,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF PENMANSHIP.

Middleboro, Mass., Jan. 1, 1917.

Mr. Charles H. Bates, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—The following is the report of the Penmanship work for the past three months:

The actual written work in the grades, this past term, while not of a very high standard when measured by the standard established by commercial educators, is, nevertheless, indicative of a promising future.

My observations of the penmanship conditions in the grade schools, made during this past term, prove, conclusively, that the foundation rock, position, upon which good writing is based, has not been imbedded firmly enough in the groundwork of the pupils' penmanship course. It is this necessary foundation to good writing that the teachers have been developing the past three months and, I feel, developing successfully.

Every teacher has shown a marked interest in the pupils' work in writing, and, with this interest thoroughly aroused, the writing in our public schools, I feel confident, will be raised to a very high standard of efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND S. DOWER,

Supervisor of Penmanship.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF STAMP SAVING SYSTEM.

Mr. Charles H. Bates, Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:—The following is a brief report of the Stamp Saving System in the Public Schools for its first year:

The aim has been to teach the children the value of money saved and to help children and parents save for definite objects. Much interest has been shown in the work among teachers, parents, and children. About 800 different persons used the system and saved in all \$1,569.44. The individual amounts withdrawn have varied from 1c. to \$13.30 to one pupil and \$29 to a teacher.

Some of the objects for which this was saved were deposits in the Middleboro Savings Bank, for clothing, for use at Christmas, for bicycles, for traveling and to meet many other special needs of the pupil and his home life.

The success of the System has been due in a large measure to the interest and faithful work of the teachers in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

LIZZIE E. B. TILLSON,

Treasurer of Stamp Saving System.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Middleboro, Mass., Dec. 30, 1916.

To the School Committee of Middleboro;

The usefulness of the School Physician is necessarily limited as he can only call to the attention of the parents' defects in the child and is powerless to demand that they be remedied.

While most of the parents realize the importance of attending to all existing defects quite a number apparently do not which shows the crying need of a school dentist whose duty it would be to care for the teeth of children not under the care of the family dentist.

I emphasize the need of dental work in the schools as defective teeth in the child eventually means inefficiency in the adult.

I again acknowledge my indebtedness to the Superintendent of Schools, the principals and teachers for their co-operation and interest.

The results of the physical examinations are found below:

GRADE I.

Number of pupils examined	111
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	6
Adenoids " " "	12
Defective teeth " " "	34
Enlarged glands " " "	3.

GRADE II.

Number of pupils examined	105
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	11
Adenoids " " "	8
Defective teeth " " "	32

GRADE III.

Number of pupils examined	109
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	10
Adenoids “ “ “	7
Defective teeth “ “ “	44

GRADE IV.

Number of pupils examined	101
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	13
Adenoids “ “ “	2
Defective teeth “ “ “	35

GRADE V.

Number of pupils examined	94
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	4
Adenoids “ “ “	8
Defective teeth “ “ “	39
*Pulmonary tuberculosis “ “ “	1

GRADE VI.

Number of pupils examined	86
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	3
Adenoids “ “ “	8
Defective teeth “ “ “	23

GRADE VII.

Number of pupils examined	89
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	8
Adenoids “ “ “	4
Defective teeth “ “ “	23

GRADE VIII.

Number of pupils examined	77
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	5
Adenoids “ “ “	4
Defective teeth “ “ “	15

*Excluded from school.

GRADE IX.

Number of pupils examined	63
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	7
Adenoids “ “ “	2
Defective teeth “ “ “	15

High School.

Number of pupils examined	265
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	6
Adenoids “ “ “	2
Defective teeth “ “ “	35
Follicular Pharyngitis “ “ “	3

SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

Wappanucket School.

Number of pupils examined	19
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	1
Adenoids “ “ “	3
Defective teeth “ “ “	5

Thompsonville School.

Number of pupils examined	20
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	2
Adenoids “ “ “	3
Defective teeth “ “ “	6

Green School.

Number of pupils examined	52
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	4
Adenoids “ “ “	4
Defective teeth “ “ “	13

South Middleboro School.

Number of cases examined	27
Adenoids—Number of cases	1
Defective teeth	9

Fall Brook School.

Number of pupils examined	46
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	6
Adenoids “ “ “	6
Defective teeth “ “ “	15

Pleasant Street School.

Number of pupils examined	34
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	7
Adenoids “ “ “	4
Defective teeth “ “ “	11

Plymouth Street School.

Number of cases examined	15
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	1
Defective teeth “ “ “	6

Purchade School.

Number of pupils examined	31
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	3
Adenoids “ “ “	3
Defective teeth “ “ “	8

Highland School.

Number of pupils examined	11
Defective teeth—Number of cases	3

Rock School.

Number of pupils examined	40
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	3
Adenoids “ “ “	3
Defective teeth “ “ “	12

Waterville School.

Number of pupils examined	21
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	2
Adenoids “ “ “	3
Defective teeth “ “ “	6

Soule School.

Number of pupils examined	21
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	2
Adenoids “ “ “	1
Defective teeth “ “ “	7

Thomastown School.

Number of pupils examined	29
Hypertrophied tonsils—Number of cases	2
Adenoids “ “ “	2
Defective teeth “ “ “	10
Blepharitis “ “ “	1

SUMMARY.

Number of pupils examined in Central Schools	1,100
Number of pupils examined in Suburban Schools	366
Total	1,466
Number of cases of Hypertrophied tonsils, Central Schools	73
Number of cases of Hypertrophied tonsils, Suburban Schools	30
Total	103
Number of cases of adenoids in Central Schools	59
Number of cases of adenoids in Suburban Schools	33
Total	92
Number of cases of defective teeth, Central Schools	295
Number of cases of defective teeth, Suburban Schools	95
Total	390
Number of cases of enlarged glands	3
Number of cases of Follicular Pharyngitis	3
Number of cases of Blepharitis	1
Number of cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1

Respectfully submitted

J. H. BURKHEAD,

School Physician.

ABSTRACT OF STATISTICS.

VALUATION.

Assessed valuation of Town	\$5,182,925 .00
Approximate value of schoolhouses and lots	175,000 .00
Approximate value of other school property	15,000 .00

COST OF SCHOOLS.

Amount available for school purposes	\$47,011 .31
Total cost of schools for the year	46,961 .93
Ordinary expenses	42,859 .21
Percentage of assessed valuation expended for schools	.0097
Average cost per pupil based on average membership	\$32 .32

POPULATION.

Population of the Town, 1915	8,631
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SCHOOL VISITS.

Year Ending June 23, 1916.

Visits of Superintendent:	
Central Schools	606
Suburban Schools	128
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	734
Other Visitors:	
Central Schools	1,520
Suburban Schools	502
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	2,102
Visits of Supervisors:	
Central Schools:	
Manual Arts Supervisor	566
Music Supervisor	449
Penmanship Supervisor	123

Suburban Schools:	
Music Supervisor	127

PROMOTIONS.

Year Ending June 23, 1916.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Number promoted	202
Number not promoted	25

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Number promoted	773
Number not promoted	57

SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

Number promoted	379
Number not promoted	18

Number promoted in all schools	1,354
Number not promoted in all schools	100
Percentage of promotion	93
Percentage of non-promotion	7

TEACHERS.

Number of teachers, Jan. 1917	46
High School, men 3, women 7; total	10
Grammar Schools, men 2, women 9; total	11
Primary Schools	11
Suburban Schools	13
Special teachers, Manual Arts 1, Music 1, Penmanship 1; total	3

SCHOOL HOUSES AND SCHOOLS.

Number occupied Jan. 1917	20
Number rented	1
Number rooms not including recitation rooms	37
High School rooms, including hall and laboratories	11
Town House rooms	2
Grammar School rooms	11

Primary School rooms	8
Portable buildings	1
Suburban School buildings, occupied	13
Suburban School buildings, unoccupied	2
Number of houses heated by steam 3, by furnace 8, by stoves 8, by steam and furnace 1.	

SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.

	Number Examined	Defective Sight	Defective Hearing
High School	274	36	11
Town House School	62	4	2
School Street School	399	48	7
Union Street School	169	13	3
Forest Street School	81	7	0
West Side School	155	25	2
Pleasant Street School	35	1	0
Plymouth School	17	3	0
Purchade School	32	6	0
Thompsonville School	20	4	3
Soule School	21	0	0
Waterville School	24	0	0
Green School	56	3	0
Fall Brook School	49	6	5
Rock School	41	1	0
Thomastown School	32	3	0
South Middleboro School	30	9	0
Highland School	14	2	0
Wappanucket School	19	2	0
	<hr/> 1,430	<hr/> 173	<hr/> 33

ENROLLMENT TABLE FOR NOVEMBER.

	Central	Suburban	Total
1895	662	337	999
1896	669	360	1,029
1897	686	391	1,077
1898	724	389	1,113
1899	727	384	1,111
1900	781	408	1,189
1901	860	401	1,261
1902	840	385	1,225
1903	863	405	1,268

1904	891	400	1,291
1905	907	410	1,317
1906	933	420	1,353
1907	938	404	1,342
1908	934	438	1,372
1909	946	407	1,353
1910	965	423	1,388
1911	956	449	1,405
1912	1,002	440	1,442
1913	1,067	421	1,488
1914	1,110	405	1,515
1915	1,148	396	1,544
1916	1,139	395	1,534

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE 1895—1916

	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915	1916
Number of teachers	31	13	33	33	33	34	37	37	38	39	39	40	43	44	45	45	44	43	44	44	46	46
Number of pupils	1,233	1,221	1,232	1,262	1,179	1,236	1,277	1,308	1,346	1,376	1,368	1,482	1,501	1,492	1,503	1,534	1,502	1,592	1,679	1,635	1,632	1,647
Average number	974	948	968	1,024	1,045	1,107	1,122	1,185	1,153	1,188	1,211	1,268	1,261	1,275	1,286	1,290	1,318	1,308	1,366	1,436	1,434	1,453
Av. daily attendance	890	881	901	950	959	1,016	1,038	1,038	1,049	1,095	1,133	1,188	1,172	1,178	1,218	1,213	1,233	1,211	1,294	1,345	1,369	1,360
Percentage	90.9	92.5	92.8	92.7	91.7	91.7	92.5	90.0	90.8	92.2	93.5	93.7	92.9	92.9	94.7	94	93.5	92.5	94.7	93.6	95.5	93.7
No. cases tardiness	1,710	1,143	1,142	1,131	1,195	1,165	1,138	1,431	1,091	1,521	1,533	1,679	2,254	1,319	1,400	1,381	1,383	1,739	1,521	1,390	1,195	1,669
No. cases dismissal	1,659	1,321	1,483	1,495	1,061	1,107	1,116	1,186	811	1,090	1,116	1,263	1,042	1,206	1,167	1,101	1,191	1,156	1,286	1,245	6.43	604
No. cases truancy	12	38	21	19	14	15	26	17	9	14	15	33	44	41	48	21	23	15	23	21	10	12
No. pupils in H. S.	.....	.....	.....	.....	126	138	133	147	168	174	200	205	200	171	184	181	191	193	200	220	248	269

STATISTICS OF EACH SCHOOL.

YEAR ENDING JUNE 23, 1916

SCHOOL	TEACHER	Grade	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance
High.....	Walter Sampson, Prin....	10-13	269	246.9	238.8
	Leonard O. Tillson.....				
	J. Grace Allen.....				
	Louise H. Scott.....				
	Edith H. Rand.....				
	Helen F. Scammon.....				
	M. Lazelle Sutcliffe.....				
	Mildred I. Goudy.....				
Town House.....	Gertrude M. Butler.....				
	H. L. Edgcomb, Prin....	9	86	77.5	73.7
School Street.....	Lola Gooding.....				
	Fred N. O'Coin, Prin....	8	50	44.28	41.05
	Olive W. Taylor.....	7-8	49	41.87	39.49
	Martinia K. Donahue....	7	45	43.2	40.91
	Hattie M. Jones.....	6	44	37.8	34.9
	Myrtie A. Shaw.....	6	38	34.8	32.7
	Faye H. Deane.....	5	41	38	36
	Anne H. Andrews.....	5	39	38.8	36.6
	Bessie B. Bailey.....	4	33	32.7	31.7
	Erna L. Cornish.....	4	34	32.5	29.5
	Eleanor A. Barden, Prin..	2	57	48.7	43.4
	Laura A. Hudson.....	1	54	38.75	34.75
	Lottie N. Lang.....	3	52	44.86	40.89
	Alice M. Ward.....	3	30	24	23
	Flora M. Clark, Prin....	1	42	36.7	33.4
Forest Street.....	Irene L. Sullivan.....	2	50	41.3	37.8
	Mary H. Head, Prin....	6-7	45	39.36	36.6
West Side.....	Lucy E. Merrihew.....	4-5	45	39.5	38.9
	Etta W. Toothaker.....	2-3	53	47.4	45.9
	Annabel Landgrebe.....	1-2	54	46.7	42.6
	Myra A. Andrews.....	Mixed	34	32.9	30.3
Pleasant Street....	Elsie M. Landgrebe.....	"	24	23	21.9
Plymouth Street..	Clara C. Wood.....	"	40	33.7	31
Purchade.....	Flora M. Moore.....	"	24	19.58	77.8
Thompsonville....	Blanche G. Carey.....	"	25	20.2	19.7
Soule.....	Abby S. Westgate.....	"	31	23	19.8
Waterville.....	C. Harold Striley.....	"	58	51.75	47.5
Green.....	Alta E. Battles.....	"	45	33.9	31.3
Fall Brook.....	Maude DeMaranville....	"	44	36.5	34.4
Thomastown.....	Mary R. Burke.....	"	44	41.6	39
Rock.....	Irene J. Hatch.....	"	36	28	26
So. Middlebro ..	Nellie S. Burkhardt ..	"	13	11.9	10.7
Highland	Hazel V. Davidson.....	"	18	17.9	16.7
Wappanucket.....					

GRADUATING EXERCISES MIDDLEBORO HIGH SCHOOL

Town Hall, Friday Evening, June 16, 1916 at eight o'clock.
Choruses Accompanied by High School Orchestra.

Class Motto: Onward and Upward.
Class Colors: Red and Gold.
Class Flower: Red Rose.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

PRAYER

Rev. Newell C. Maynard.

SALUTATORY AND ESSAY Independence a Necessity
Lucy Bradford Braley.

RECITATION The Play is the Thing
Jennie Bowers Bradford.

CHORUS (a) Green Vale and Vine-clad Mountain.
(b) 'Mid the Waving Rose-trees.

CLASS STATISTICS

Viola Holmes Foye.

PIANO SOLO Waldesrauschen (Forest Murmurs) *Lits*
Gladys Josephine Harrington.

ORATION

Max Abraham Cohen.

America

CELLO SOLO Spinning Wheel Op. 20 *Hans Kronold*
Phyllis Sullivan.

ESSAY

The Craze for Antiques
Elizabeth Copeland Smith.

VIOLIN SOLO Spanish Serenade *Chaminade—Kreisler*
Hazel Horton Read.

RECITATION

Cigarette's Ride and Death
Margaret Jane Guerini.

CHORUS

'Tis Thy Wedding Morning

CLASS PROPHECY *Part I*

Kenneth Banwell Keedwell.

CLASS PROPHECY *Part II*

Francis Eugene McCarthy.

ESSAY AND VALEDICTORY

Opportunities Regarded and Disregarded
Verna Louise Clarke.

SINGING OF CLASS ODE

Written by Alicia Virginia Clough.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Granville E. Tillson, Chairman of School Committee.

BENEDICTION

CLASS ODE.

Sung to Barcarolle—From the Opera, *Les Contes d' Hoffman*.

Like the sound of distant bells
That ring in the still, still night,
Comes the thought that we as a class
Have finished one step in life.
Thanks we give to our guides,
Who've taught us day by day
By their kind and loving work
They've helped us on our way.
And to our parents dear
Loving tributes we tender;
For year by year they have urged us on
Through the day and the night,
Through the calm and the strife.
In the class of ten and six
May friends and teachers see
That we're an honor to the school.
And may our work e'er be
Guided by Him each day
Who taught us here on earth
How to live in the "Onward, Upward" way.

CORPS OF TEACHERS.

Walter Sampson, Principal.

Leonard O. Tillson
 Jennie G. Allen
 Edith H. Rand
 Mildred I. Goudy

Louise H. Scott
 M. Lazelle Sutcliffe
 Helen R. Scammon
 Gertrude M. Butler

Instructor in Music: Grace G. Pierce.

Instructor in Drawing: Mary L. Cook.

CLASS OF 1916.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Verna Louise Clarke

Gladys Josephine Harrington

ENGLISH-LATIN COURSE.

Zilpah Copeland Bennett
 Lucy Bradford Braley
 Robley Evans Buckman
 Alicia Virginia Clough

Viola Holmes Foye
 Hazel Horton Read
 Elizabeth Copeland Smith
 Phyllis Sullivan

Dana Prescott Vaughan.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Arthur Francis Belcher
 Mary Josephine Boucher
 Jennie Bowers Bradford
 Mildred Frances Burkett
 William Stearns Chandler
 Max Abraham Cohen
 Edward Thornton Deane
 Margaret Jane Guerini
 Kenneth Banwell Keedwell
 Ruth Margaret Ladbury

Kenneth Churchill Leonard
 Everett Harold Lynch
 Francis Eugene McCarthy
 Louise Agnes Miller
 Stella Roseanna Pedigree
 Ruth Nelson Shaw
 Alberta Nancy Soule
 Roger Weston Tillson
 Harold Mellen Warner
 Annie Madeline Wiley

GRADUATING EXERCISES OF THE MIDDLEBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Town Hall, Thursday, June 22, at 2 P. M.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

PRAYER

Rev. J. H. Buckey

SONG—Dance of the Fairies

Gregly

The Merchant of Venice.

Scene: Venice.

Act I. Scene 1, A Street.

Act II. Scene 5, The Same.

Act III. Scene 1, The Same.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Act IV. Scene 1, A Court of Justice.

SONG—Spring Song

Mendelssohn

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

Charles H. Bates, Supt. of Schools.

CLASS ODE

By Irene Davis.

BENEDICTION

Rev. J. H. Buckey

Persons Represented.

Duke of Venice	Roderick Matheson
Antonio	Dorrance Ryder
Bassanio	Harry Carter
Salanio	Lloyd Bass
Salarino	Albert Campbell
Gratiano	Emil Robinson
Shylock	Wilson Ryder
Launcelot Gobbo	Wallace Jones
Portia	Persis Weeman
Nerissa	Bertha Robideau
Jessica	Beatrice Silvia

Officers of the Court of Justice and others.

CLASS OF 1916.

TOWN HOUSE SCHOOL.

Sprague Anderson	Beatrice C. Silvia
Lloyd R. Bass	Edith E. Volkman
Chester E. Baker	Edna M. Warner
Ernest E. Benn	Persis M. Weeman
Albert E. Campbell	Ruth F. Westgate
Arthur B. Carpenter	Catherine C. Casey
Harry N. Clement	Dorris Smith
Harold G. Dean	Harry Carter
Walter H. Grant	Stanley L. Dinsmore
Frederick S. Hanson	Edwin Drew
George C. Houlihan	Wayne A. Senate
Andrew Ironsides	Hermann Shaw
Wallace H. Jones	Alfred Sousa
Samuel Kayajian	Rodney C. Southworth
Roderick G. Matheson	Dorothy Y. Caswell
Walter A. McCormick	Harold T. Cleverly
Emil D. Robinson	George W. Stetson
Francis W. Morrison	Ray C. Towne
John M. Newkirk	Llewellyn N. Wade
Lawrence K. Parker	Edward J. Weeman
Howard E. Rudolph	Carl F. Woods
Dorrance N. Ryder	Leora M. Burgess
Wilson C. Ryder	Avis C. Boehme
Marion F. Hall	Blanche M. Carr
Phyllis M. Hennessey	Pauline E. Charbonneau
Lena M. Levellie	Louise H. Cline
Esther M. Littlefield	Emma M. Cornish
Hilda A. Lutz	Hannah C. Creedon
Mary A. O'Neill	Florence G. Cronan
Delia Oneto	Irene M. Davis
Grace R. Palmer	Bertha J. Duffany
Bertha M. Robideau	Espezia A. Galfrey
Leah H. Sherman	Mildred F. Gammons
Lillian G. Standish	Alice B. Guild

THOMASTOWN SCHOOL.

Marguerite G. Chisholm	Dorothy M. Thomas
Edna L. Clark	Edward W. Lowe
Laura M. Clark	Herbert Haskell

HIGHLAND SCHOOL.

Frederick C. Buckman.

TENURE LIST.

1917.

Charles H. Bates, Superintendent of Schools.
 Mary L. Cook, Supervisor of Manual Arts.
 Walter Sampson, Principal of High School.
 Leonard O. Tillson, High School.
 J. Grace Allen, High School.
 Edith H. Rand, High School.
 Martinia K. Donahue, School Street School.
 Hattie M. Jones, School Street School.
 Myrtie A. Shaw, School Street School.
 Anne H. Andrews, School Street School.
 Faye H. Deane, School Street School.
 Bessie B. Bailey, School Street School.
 Erna L. Cornish, School Street School.
 Eleanor A. Barden, Union Street School.
 Laura H. Hudson, Union Street School.
 Lottie N. Lang, Union Street School.
 Alice M. Ward, Union Street School.
 Flora M. Clark, Forest Street School.
 Lucy E. Merrihew, West Side School.
 Etta W. Toothaker, West Side School.
 Annabel Landgrebe, West Side School.
 Myra A. Andrews, Rock School.
 Elsie M. Landgrebe, Plymouth Street School.
 Maude DeMaranville, Thomastown School, Pleasant Street.
 Alta E. Battles, Fall Brook School.
 Mary R. Burke, Green School.
 Irene J. Hatch, South Middleboro School.

MEMBERS OF TEACHERS' RETIREMENT
ASSOCIATION.

Charles H. Bates, Supt. of Schools.
 Walter Sampson, Principal of High School.
 Mary L. Cook, Supervisor of Manual Arts.
 Grace G. Pierce, Supervisor of Music.
 Mildred I. Goudy, High School.
 M. Lazelle Sutcliffe, High School.
 Alice B. Ingham, School Street School.
 Mary D. Begley, Thompsonville School.
 Mary Warner, Soule School.

Nellie S. Burkhead, Highland School.
 Mary R. Burke, Green School.
 Rachel Mostrom, Wappanucket School.
 Howard Wilbur, School Street School.

CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

Jan. 1, 1916 to Jan. 1, 1917.

WITHDRAWALS.

Central Schools.

Helen R. Towers, High.
 Louise H. Scott, High.
 Mermie S. Miller, West Side.
 Lola Gooding, Town House.
 Olive Taylor, School Street.
 Harry L. Edgcomb, School Street.
 Fred N. O'Coin, School Street.

Suburban Schools.

Flora A. M. Moore, Thompsonville.
 C. Harold Striley, Green.
 Jessie M. Seaver, Highland.
 Blanche G. Carey, Soule.
 Hazel V. Davidson, Wappanucket.

APPOINTMENTS.

Central Schools.

Gertrude M. Butler, High.
 Winnifred A. Thomas, High.
 Raymond S. Dower, High.
 Alice B. Ingham, School Street.
 Miriam Braley, Town House.
 Howard Wilbur, School Street.
 Fred N. O'Coin, Town House.

Suburban Schools.

Mary D. Begley, Thompsonville.
 Mary R. Wanner, Soule.
 Freda S. Goodell, Thomastown.
 Rachel Mostrom, Wappanucket.
 Nellie S. Burkhardt, Highland.

TRANSFERALS.

Harry L. Edgcomb from Town House to School Street.
 Mary H. Head from School Street to West Side.
 Maude DeMaranville from Thomastown to Pleasant Street.
 Myra A. Andrews from Pleasant Street to Rock.
 Mary R. Burke from Rock to Green.

LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY 1, 1917.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Main Street near Town Hall.

Walter Sampson, Principal, 28 School Street.
 Leonard O. Tillson, 11 North Street.
 Raymond S. Dower, 45 Courtland Street.
 J. Grace Allen, 65 Pearl Street.
 Edith H. Rand, 69 Centre Street.
 Helen F. Scammon, 3 Rock Street.
 M. Lazelle Sutliffe, 23 Webster Street.
 Mildred I. Goudy, 41 School Street.
 Gertrude M. Butler, 7 Rock Street.
 Winnifred A. Thomas, 23 Webster Street.

TOWN HOUSE SCHOOL.

Town House.

Fred N. O'Coin, Principal, Grades 7 and 8, 97 No. Main St.
 Miriam Braley, Assistant, South Middleboro.

SCHOOL STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

School Street.

Howard Wilbur, Principal, Grades 8 and 9, 97 So. Main Street.
 Alice B. Ingham, Grades 8 and 9, 97 So. Main Street.
 Martinia K. Donahue, Grade 8, 4 Reland Street.

Hattie M. Jones, Grades 7, 56 Everett Street.
 Myrtie A. Shaw, Grade 6, 5 Summer Street.
 Anne H. Andrews, Grade 5, 77 So. Main Street.
 Faye H. Deane, Grade 5 and 6, 63 Oak Street.
 Bessie B. Bailey, Grade 4, 23 Forest Street.
 Erna L. Cornish, Grade 3, 11 Benton Street.

UNION STREET PRIMARY STREET.

Union Street.

Eleanor A. Barden, Principal, Grade 2, 85 Pearl Street.
 Laura H. Hudson, Grade 1, 69 Centre Street.
 Lottie N. Lang, Grade 3, 15 Union Street.
 Alice M. Ward, Grade 4, 18 Pearl Street.

FOREST STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Forest Street.

Flora M. Clark, Principal, Grade 1, 18 Forest Street.
 Irene L. Sullivan, Grade 2, 114 So. Main Street.

WEST SIDE GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOL.

West End Avenue.

Mary H. Head, Principal, Grades 5 and 6, 212 Centre Street.
 Lucy E. Merrihew, Grade 4, 22 East Grove Street.
 Etta W. Toothaker, Grades 2 and 3, 141 Centre Street.
 Annabel Landgrebe, Grades 1 and 2, North Street.

SUBURBAN SCHOOLS.

Pleasant Street School, Maude DeMaranville, Lakeville.
 Plymouth Street School, Elsie M. Landgrebe, North Street.
 Purchase School, Clara C. Wood, 14 Elm Street.
 Thompsonville School, Mary D. Begley, Thompson Street.
 Soule School, Mary R. Wanner, Winter Street.
 Waterville School, Abby S. Westgate, 3 Rock Street.
 Green School, Mary R. Burke, East Main Street.
 Fall Brook School, Alta E. Battles, 5 Myrtle Street.
 Rock School, Myra A. Andrews, 77 So. Main Street.
 Thomastown School, Freda Goodell, Purchase Street.
 South Middleboro School, Irene J. Hatch, 36 North Street.
 Highland School, Nellie S. Burkhardt, Rock.
 Wappanucket School, Rachel Mostrom, No. Middleboro.

SUPERVISORS.

Manual Arts, Mary L. Cook, 23 Webster Street.
 Music, Grace G. Pierce, 47 Courtland Street.
 Penmanship, Raymond S. Dower, 45 Courtland Street.
 Stamp Saving System, Lizzie E. L. Tillson 11 North Street.

SCHOOL SESSIONS.

High School from 8.15 to 1.15.
 Central Elementary Schools from 9 A. M. to 12 M. and from
 1.30 P. M. to 3.30 P. M.
 Half-time plan from 9 A. M. to 11.45 A. M., and from 1.15
 P. M. to 4 P. M.
 Four-hour plan from 9 to 11 A. M., and from 1.30 to 3.30
 P. M.
 Suburban Schools from 9 A. M. to 12 P. M. and from 1 P. M.
 to 3.30 P. M.
 Fall Brook, Rock and Green Schools from 8.15 A. M. to 12.15
 P. M. and from 1.15 to 4 P. M.

STORM SIGNALS.

Revised September 1914.

The signal, 2 1 2, will be given upon the fire alarm bell and by whistles at 8.15 A. M. for the suspension of the morning session of the Central Elementary Schools, and at 12.30 P. M. for the suspension of the afternoon session.

There are no signals for the High School and Town House School.

FIRE SIGNAL.

Two strokes of gong—pupils will march out *without* hats and coats.

Two strokes, followed by one—pupils will march out *with* hats and coats.

Fire drills shall be given at least once a week.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1917.

Spring term opens April 9, closes June 29.
Fall term opens Sept. 5, closes Dec. 21.

1918.

Winter term opens Jan. 2, closes March 22.
Spring term opens April 1, closes June 21.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

1917.

Spring term opens April 9, closes June 29.
Fall term opens Sept. 10, closes Dec. 21.

1918.

Winter term opens Jan. 2, closes Feb. 21.
Spring term opens March 4, closes April 26.
Summer term opens May 6, closes June 21.

HOLIDAYS.

1917.

April 19, May 30 Oct. 12, Nov. 29, 30, Teachers' Convention.

1918.

Feb. 22, April 19, May 30, Oct. 12, Nov. 28, 29, Teachers' Convention.

Graduating exercises Elementary Schools, Town Hall, Thursday, June 28, at 2 P. M.

Graduating exercises High School, Town Hall, Friday, June 29, at 8 P. M.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

January 1, 1917.

The following is an abstract of the Town Clerk's records for the year 1916:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 6, 1916.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Alvin C. Howes, at eight o'clock in the forenoon and Waraant was read by the Town Clerk. The several articles of the Warrant were acted upon as follows:

Voted:—That the polls be not closed before 6.30 P. M.

Article 4. Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, or a majority thereof, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1916, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said Municipal Year.

Article 24. Voted that the Town instruct the Selectmen to grant to the Middleboro Firemen's Relief Association the use of the Town Hall, one evening in each year, free of charge.

Article 15. Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to be expended for the employment of a District Nurse, and that the Town Treasurer be authorized to pay the same to the Treasurer of the Middleboro District Nurse Association on order of the Selectmen.

Article 14. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to institute, defend or compromise suits for or against the Town during the ensuing year.

Article 17. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to sell the right to take alewives from the river for one year or a term of years, not to exceed five years.

Article 8. Voted that all moneys received from dog licenses and other licenses during the year be appropriated for the use of the Middleborough Public Library and payable to the Treasurer of the Library.

Article 7. Voted that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be Town Pounds as long as they remain in office, provided they shall be chosen Pound Keepers.

Article 10. Voted that the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) be appropriated for the use of E. W. Pierce, Post 8, G. A. R., to be expended on Memorial Day, and payable to the Quartermaster of the Post.

Article 19. Indefinitely postponed.

Article 5. Voted that Committee on Increased School Accommodations make their report and the following was submitted:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The committee appointed by the Town at the annual meeting in March, 1914, to investigate the need of more adequate and better school accommodations, wish to present to the citizens of the Town in connection with its recommendations, a brief survey of the conditions now existing in the several central school buildings in order that they may have a more comprehensive idea as to the need of more adequate accommodations as well as a better knowledge of the educational and economic values which they believe their recommendations merit. The committee believes that the best solution of the congestion problem is the erection of a new high school building, the giving up of the present high school building for grammar grades and the using of the School Street building for the primary grades. Such a plan your committee believes will meet the housing conditions for the schools for at least a period of ten years if not for a longer time. As showing to you just how your committee is planning to carry out this idea which they believe will work out to the best advantage of both the High School and Elementary school congestion, they invite your attention to the arrangement and conditions in each of the central buildings at the present time. Beginning at the West Side School we have a four-room building, with two school rooms

on the lower floor arranged for 48 pupils each, and two school rooms on the second floor with a seating capacity of 42 pupils each. These rooms at the present time house 7 grades, the two upper grades going to other schools, the seventh to the School Street School and the eighth to the Town House School. These rooms have had an enrollment this year beyond their seating capacity, extra seats having been placed in three of the rooms, giving them an overcrowded appearance and much restricting necessary floor space. If the report of the building committee is accepted and a new high school building erected, then by transferring the three upper grades—the 5th, 6th, and 7th to the old High School building and removing the portable building in the rear of the School Street building to the west side grounds, five school rooms would be available. By regrading these schools so that 6 grades could be accommodated there would be a seating capacity for 220 pupils, 62 more pupils than are now attending those grades. This arrangement would give satisfactory accommodations and also the best system of grading, the building has ever had; and would meet the growth of school enrollment for several years, or to such a time when it would be necessary to have a new building at the West Side.

Next comes the Forest Street School where we have a two-room building, housing the pupils of the first two years. This building was erected several years ago to relieve the congestion in the old School Street building. Many of the pupils were transferred to that school, then, who had to walk a longer distance from their homes than to the School Street building. The lines of this district have been changed several times. If necessary in the future such changes could be made whereby those living on the streets east of the building and now attending that school could attend the School Street school, which under the new plan would be used for primary grades. By such arrangements the Forest Street building for many years would serve that community for a two-grade school building. It would seem best to keep such an arrangement than to plan to have two-first-grade schools in the future, transferring the second year to the School Street building. Next in order is the Union Street School, a building originally planned for two schools now occupied by four. The plan up to a few years ago was to have a principal and an assistant in each school, the two small rear rooms being used for recitation rooms. Owing to the congested conditions the two rooms in the rear have been used as separate

school rooms for several years. The total membership of these four schools is over 175. The sub-primary grade using one of the small rooms has to be divided into two sections, one attending the morning session and the other the afternoon. The housing of so many pupils where formerly the membership at times was not much over 120 has resulted in crowding into the building more pupils than the conditions would justify. While the building might be placed in good condition by the installation of a new heating and ventilating plant, a complete renovation of the two large rooms, closing the two smaller rooms as school rooms, and a renovation of the sanitary arrangements in the basement, the committee feeling that the building being no longer necessary if the School Street building is used for the primary grades would recommend its being retained for possible service in the future when such changes could be made if it were necessary to provide for a temporary overflow.

Coming now to the Town House School we have a school of ninth year pupils from all but two of the schools in town which formerly had such a grade. Last year this school enrolled 93 different pupils while this year it had 82. Next year it will be larger. To relieve the congestion in the School Street building two years ago permission was obtained of the State inspector of public buildings to occupy this building, two rooms in the Town House temporarily with the understanding that when the town erected a new building this school should be housed in more approved quarters. It is the plan of your committee to recommend that this grade be a part of the High School to be known as the preparatory department of the High School, and should be housed in the new high school building and be under the supervision of the high school principal. There would then be 5 grades in the new high school building, 3 grades in the old high school building and 5 grades in the School Street building. The elementary schools will then have 8 grades. In this way the sharp break between the grammar, and the high schools will be avoided. At the School Street building are 8 rooms well filled and because of the fact that the grades to be promoted to this building from the West Side, and Union Street are larger than last year the rooms will be occupied to their full seating capacity next September.

The future congestion in this building, therefore, is evident, and the plan of the committee will readily solve this future congestion problem. By the erection of a new high school building an opportunity for using the present build-

ing for the grammar grades and the School Street building for the primary grades will easily provide suitable accommodations. The six class rooms in the present high school building with a seating capacity for 288 pupils will house two 8th year classes, 2 seventh year classes and 2 sixth year classes, while the School Street School with a seating capacity for 388 pupils would house the remaining five years. These grammar grades now number 242 and the primary grades 231 pupils. This arrangement of the grades will prove a great advantage to the schools by being able to give to the elementary schools a well planned course of study that can be carried out in excellent quarters. Such a system of educational work will be highly creditable to the town and give a good return on the money invested. Your committee in presenting conditions at the High School would respectfully submit a portion of the report of Mr. Clarence D. Kingsley of the State Board of Education, special agent for the high schools of the State, who at our invitation inspected the High School and looked into the matter of school accommodations for the grades. Mr. Kingsley in this report says:—

“As the school will have nearly 300 pupils next fall ten to twelve teachers in addition to the principal will be needed in order that the school may be rated by the State Board of Education as a Class A High School. The present building contains too few rooms for that number of teachers. This building does not provide facilities for modern lines of high school work. Even the commercial department does not have proper facilities, as the two rooms used for typewriting are not fit for use, as they are too small to make supervision practical, and without supervision instruction in type writing is ineffective. The two laboratories are not properly ventilated and are located directly under the roof so that the heat in the fall and spring renders them unfit for use. The present building could not be made over economically into a modern high school building, but is adapted to the use of elementary pupils and is needed for this purpose, as many of the classes in the elementary schools are entirely too large and the number of pupils in the elementary schools is increasing each year. A new modern building is, therefore, needed for the high school. In deciding upon the size of the building it should be borne in mind that the population of Middleboro is growing and that the proportion of pupils of school age who attend high school is increasing in all parts of the Commonwealth. Practically every town that has constructed a new high school building has underestimated

the growth in the high school and consequently even when allowance has been made for an increase of 20% to 30% in the high school membership, the building has been overcrowded within a short space of time. Consequently, the new building should be planned to accommodate a considerable increase and so constructed that it can be readily enlarged. A modern high school building is a great asset to any town. Many communities recognize this and regard a modern building as one of the best investments that can be made, not only because it provides better educational opportunities for the boys and girls now living in the town, but also because it proves an important factor in bringing new residents to the town."

Briefly then the plan provides for future congestion at the West Side and Forest Street Schools, eliminates for the present the use of the Union Street building, accommodates the primary grades in the central part in the School Street building, with the necessary room for a large future enrollment, gives to the grammar grades the use of the present High School building with its six class rooms for six schools and its Assembly Hall for music and rhetorical exercises and its present laboratories for special work in domestic science and manual training, allowing room for future increase in these schools, provides for the High School a building with modern equipment capable of housing 500 pupils with an assembly hall to seat 600, with excellent laboratory facilities and well arranged commercial rooms, with a preparatory department under the supervision of the principal, and all the necessary equipment that is included in an up-to-date building for High School purposes. The matter of congestion in the central schools is the result of a steady increase in membership from year to year during the past four years.

In November, 1911, there were 956 pupils enrolled in the central schools, a loss of 9 over the previous November. In November, 1912, there were enrolled in the same schools 1002, a gain of 46 over the previous November. In November 1913, the enrollment was 1067, a gain of 65 over the previous November. In November 1914, the enrollment was 1110, a gain of 47 over the previous November. In November 1915, there were enrolled 1148, a gain of 38 over the previous November. The increase in the central schools including the High School, has grown from 956 in November 1911 to 1148 in November 1915, a total gain in four years of 192 pupils. In the High School the enrollment in November

1913 was 217, in November 1914, it was 243, in November 1915, it was 258, a gain of 41 pupils in two years. If there is a corresponding gain in the next four years there must be accommodations to meet the growth. Your committee would recall to the attention of the citizens of the town the fact that although a new eight room building was erected in 1907, no additional room was secured for the elementary grades, as it simply took the place of the four rooms in the High School building, formerly occupied by the grammar grades, and the four rooms in the old School Street building which was sold at auction. Even on the occupancy of the new School Street building, it was necessary to secure the Chapel building for the first two grades and when that was given up owing to a pronounced dissatisfaction, several of the schools were placed on the half-time plan. Three years ago a portable building was placed in the rear of the School Street building and two years ago two rooms in the Town House were secured for relieving the congestion. Exclusive of the portable and Town House rooms the elementary schools have the same number of rooms that they had 15 years ago. Your committee feels that any further delay in the settlement of this question only means a loss of efficiency in the work of both the elementary schools and the High School. That any make-shift proposition would be an unfortunate expenditure as it would fail to settle satisfactorily the problem and would only postpone for a year or two the final adjustment along similar lines advocated in this report. The time for action is now, and the work of securing good results in our schools should not longer be impeded by lack of suitable accommodations. A loss of efficiency means a loss in the school appropriation, and the longer the settlement of the question is deferred the more difficult will be the work of keeping the Schools abreast of those in other towns. As the congestion problem is a two-fold nature concerning the grades as well as the High School, it is evident that a solution that only affects one will fail of a satisfactory adjustment. If the congestion in the grades were the only question a new grammar school building would answer the purpose, taking care of the Town House and Union Street pupils, affording opportunities for relieving congestion at the West Side and Forest Street buildings, and giving room for further increase in membership. If the congestion in the High School was the only question, the building of an annex might be a partial adjustment, although it would be an expensive outlay considering that the present building with its too

small Assembly Hall, poorly adapted commercial rooms and inadequate laboratory facilities, with no quarters for household arts, drawing or manual training, is not even adequate for an up-to-date main High School building. If it were advisable to place these special rooms in such an annex, together with the necessary class rooms, it would incur such a large expenditure that it would be better to erect a new building even at a considerable increase in cost and have a structure well adapted in every way for its purpose, an honor to the town and to the cause of education, than an old building with a modern appendage, an outfit still poorly adapted for a modern High School. To erect an annex of eight rooms with commercial and other departments at an approximate cost of \$45,000, to build an eight room grammar school building at an approximate cost of \$40,000 when for \$40,000 more a modern High School building could be erected which would always be a source of pride to the town, seems to your committee a step which the town would in the future deeply regret.

Your committee, therefore, would recommend the erection of a new High School building because it believes it the best solution of the congestion problem from an educational and a financial stand-point, and because as a strictly business proposition such a recommendation is for the best interest of the town.

Lorenzo Wood
Granville E. Tillson

Morrill S. Ryder
Alton G. Pratt

William G. Boynton.

Article 1. The following named persons were duly chosen Measurers of Wood, Bark and Lumber:

Nathaniel S. Cushing, Jr.
Charles N. Atwood
John L. Benson
Isaac E. Perkins
George A. Robbins
James A. Thomas
Nathaniel A. Shurtleff
Edwin F. Witham
Chester E. Weston
Levi O. Atwood
Myron W. Baxter
Gilbert H. Simmons

Benjamin C. Shaw
Albert T. Savery
William G. Wilcox
Robert R. Melville
Henry W. Sears
Charles N. Warren
Albert S. Sparrow
Joshua D. Bishop
Albert F. Mitchell
Frank S. Thomas
Ernest S. Pratt
Leroy C. Decker

Article 1. The following named persons were duly chosen Field Drivers:

Seneca T. Weston
Francis Terrill
F. Herbert Batchelder

William F. Clark
John H. Ryder
Erastus B. Shaw

Voted that persons chosen Field Drivers shall also be Pound Keepers.

Article 5. Voted to receive report of committee on by-laws as follows, together with printed copies of proposed by-laws, which were distributed by the voters.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO REVISE BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN.

Your Committee heretofore appointed to revise the By-Laws of the Town have met a number of times, and have carefully considered the needs of the Town.

Wherever we have found sufficient legislation, we have carefully avoided adding anything thereto in the shape of a By-Law. We have been asked to incorporate into these By-Laws something that will regulate or do away with unnecessary whistling from one of our factories which apparently is a source of annoyance to the neighborhood; but have concluded that this subject is beyond our authority and can only be abated, if it is a private nuisance, by equity proceedings for an injunction.

We have been asked to incorporate something that might cause some of our thrifty, but unpatriotic citizens to remove from an otherwise respectable neighborhood unsightly and dilapidated buildings, but find that to be beyond the scope of our authority; but we respectfully urge the citizens to adopt the provisions of Revised Laws, Chapter 101, first four sections, and all acts in addition to or amendment thereof.

NATHAN WASHBURN
AUGUSTUS M. BEARSE
HENRY B. SCHLUETER

Committee.

Article 13. The following named persons were duly appointed Committee on Appropriations:

William G. Boynton	George E. Doane
Jesse F. Morse	Albert A. Thomas
Harry LeBaron Sampson	Lyman P. Thomas
Carlton W. Maxim.	

Article 9. Voted to lay on table.

Article 16. Voted to lay on table.

Voted that when we adjourn it be to Wednesday, March 15, 1916, at 6.45 P. M. at Town Hall.

Voted to take recess until 11.30 A. M. and at close of polls the meeting stand adjourned.

The following named persons were duly sworn as Election Officers:

Henry W. Sears	Michael J. Baker
Sylvanus L. Brett	Roger Wood
Grover Bennett	Chester E. Weston
Michael J. Cronan	Walter L. Beale
Benjamin W. Bump	James F. Roberts
John V. Sullivan	John J. Mahoney
Ernest M. O'Toole	Luke F. Kelley

The result of the balloting was as follows:

Total vote cast, including seventeen women's votes (823).

FOR MODERATOR.

Alvin C. Howes had	654
Scattering votes and blanks	152

FOR TOWN TREASURER FOR ONE YEAR.

Albert A. Thomas had	724
Scattering votes and blanks	82

COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR ONE YEAR.

Albert A. Thomas had	709
Scattering votes and blanks	97

SELECTMEN FOR THREE YEARS.

Abisha T. Clark had	339
Bourne Wood had	431
Blanks	36

ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS.

Leonidas Deane had	139
Benjamin C. Shaw had	579
Blanks	88

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR FOR THREE YEARS.

Charles M. Thatcher had	626
Blanks	180

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS.

Reginald W. Drake had	523
Elisha T. P. Jenks had	516
Scattering votes and blanks	595

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD FOR THREE YEARS.

Burton Dinsmore had	390
Wilkes H. F. Pettee had	324
Blanks	92

BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS.

Elmer E. Phinney had	291
John H. Wheeler had	447
Blanks	68

TREE WARDEN FOR ONE YEAR.

Luthe S. Bailey had	628
Blanks	178

AUDITOR FOR ONE YEAR.

William W. Brackett had	614
Scattering votes and blanks	192

TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS.

Edward S. Hathaway had	536
Allen R. Thatcher had	525
Theodore N. Wood had	548
Scattering votes and blanks	809

FISH WARDENS FOR ONE YEAR.

Edward H. Cromwell had	550
Henry B. Schlueter had	526
Bourne Wood had	525
Scattering votes and blanks	817

CONSTABLES FOR ONE YEAR.

F. Herbert Batchelder had	568
William Chamberlain had	427
Frederick Howard Dean had	295
E. Kimball Harrison had	296
Frank W. Hastay had	438
G. Louis Hathaway had	563
George H. Morse had	398
Zenas E. Phinney had	120
Fred C. Sparrow had	428
William W. L. Tallman had	134
Charles M. Thatcher had	421
Ichabod B. Thomas had	435
Richard Warne had	324
Scattering votes and blanks	1,601

Shall Licenses be granted for the sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this Town?

Yes had	200
No had	482
Blanks	124

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING MARCH 15, 1916.

Meeting called to order at 6.45 P. M. by Moderator.
Voted to adjourn, on account of severe storm to Wednesday
March 22, 1916, at 7 o'clock P. M.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, MARCH 22, 1916.

Meeting called to order at 7 o'clock P. M. by the Moderator. Voted to adjourn to Monday, March 27, 1916 at 7 o'clock P. M.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, MARCH 27, 1916.

Meeting called to order at 7 P. M. by Moderator.

Article 22. Voted that the Town authorize the Municipal Light Board to contract for a term not to exceed five (5) years, for the purchase of all or a part of the electricity supplied by the Municipal Light Plant, with such company or corporation (including Municipal Corporation) as in the opinion of the Board is for the best interest of the Town, upon such terms as the Municipal Light Board deem advisable.

Article 22. Voted that the Municipal Light Board be and is hereby authorized to acquire for the Town by purchase or otherwise such land within the limits of the Town (except land already appropriated to public use) as may be necessary or desirable for the construction of a transmission line for the purpose of supplying electricity to the Municipal Light Plant and in case said Board may be unable to agree with owners of said land upon a purchase price therefor at which the Town may lawfully acquire the same, that the Town take such land under the provision of Chapter 263 of General Acts of the General Court of Massachusetts for the year 1915 and all other acts applicable to such taking; and that so much of the unexpended balance in the Depreciation Account of the Municipal Light Plant may be necessary for the purchase or taking of said land be and hereby is appropriated therefor.

Article 23. Voted that the Town authorize the Municipal Light Board in behalf of the Town to petition the State Board of Gas and Electric Commissioners for a public hearing as provided for in Chapter 191, General Acts of 1915, to authorize the Town of Middleboro to furnish electricity to the Town of Lakeville and the inhabitants of the Town of Lakeville, and in case such authority be granted, the Municipal Light Board be authorized to take all steps for the construction and operation of such lines in Lakeville as said Board deem advisable for the sale of electricity to and in said Town of Lakeville.

Article 21. Voted that a committee of five, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the School Committee, be appointed by the Moderator to secure and submit plans for a new High School building, and to investigate and report as to available sites for same. Said Committee shall report at the next annual town meeting, or any special town meeting which may be sooner called, to receive their report and take action upon the same; and that the Town appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars for the use of this Committee, to be payable to the Chairman thereof.

The Moderator named Granville E. Tillson, Dennis D. Sullivan, Bourne Wood, George R. Sampson, and Charles N. Atwood.

Article 3. See report of Assessors on page 5 for complete list of appropriations voted by the Town at annual, special, and adjourned town meetings during the year.

Article 16. Voted to take from the table and voted that the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) be appropriated for the purpose of Band Concerts the coming Summer, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to pay the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to the Treasurer of the Middleborough Band and a like amount to the Treasurer of the Middleborough Commercial Band.

Article 25. Voted that the Town accept Chapter 49, Sections 42 and 43 of the Revised Laws.

Article 5. Voted that the sense of this meeting be that the Selectmen call a special town meeting to see if the Town will vote to adopt Chapter 101 of the Revised Laws, and all acts in relation thereto, and amendments thereof.

Voted that when this meeting adjourn it be to Wednesday, April 12, 1916, at 7.15 P. M.

Article 20. Voted that the Town purchase two four-horse power sprayers for the Moth Department from appropriation already made, the State of Massachusetts to assume half the expense.

Article 3. Voted that the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Eighty-eight cents (\$104,818.88) less the estimated Corporation and Bank tax and plus the State and County tax, be raised on the Polls and Estates of the Town, and that it be assessed, committed, and collected in accordance with the Statutes provided therefor, and with the By-Laws of the Town.

ARTICLES IN THE WARRANT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 12, 1916.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 101 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts and all acts relative thereto and amendments thereof.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 12, 1916.

Meeting called to order at 7.00 P. M. by the Moderator. Warrant read by Clerk. Voted to adjourn to Wednesday evening, May 3, at 7.00 P. M.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, APRIL 12, 1916.

Meeting called to order at 7.15 o'clock P. M.

Article 18. Voted to take up discussion of the Town by-laws as submitted by the printed report of the committee, section by section.

Voted that the Town by-laws as submitted in the printed report of the Committee on By-laws be recommitted to the Committee for corrections and additions in accordance with the suggestions made during the discussion of said printed report.

Voted to adjourn to Wednesday evening, May 3, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 3, 1916.

Meeting called to order at 7.00 P. M. Voted that Sections 1 to 5 inclusive as set forth in Chapter 101, General Laws be adopted.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING, MAY 3, 1916.

Meeting called to order at 7.30 o'clock. By-laws were approved section by section and it was voted that the same be adopted as a whole as the By-laws of the Town of Middleborough.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 27, 1916.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator at 7 o'clock P. M. Warrant read by the Town Clerk.

Article 4. Voted: That the Town adopt a set of building laws.

Building laws were adopted section by section and were duly adopted as a whole as the building laws of the Town of Middleborough.

Article 2. The following report of Committee on Increased School Accommodations was received:

June 27, 1916.

Report of the Committee appointed at the Annual Town Meeting in 1916 to investigate and report as to the cost of a High School building for the Town of Middleborough and available location for same.

Your Committee has given the matter of the school building problem in Middleborough very serious consideration, and believes that the situation is such that it is its duty to bring its report before the voters of the town at this time, even though it is at a time of year when it is very difficult to get a large attendance at a town meeting.

We are prepared to make a unanimous report and recommendation as to a site for a building, if one is to be built at the present time. The lot in the rear of the present High School building, that is to say the lot between the school building and Union Street, is owned by the town and is available for such a purpose. We are convinced that it has many features to recommend it. It is centrally located and at the same time is not close to the traffic of a noisy street. It is amply large for such a building as the town needs to construct and the Town House lot adjoining it must always be kept open and is available for walks and approaches. A building placed there could be made a substantial and pleasing feature of our group of town buildings, without an extravagant expenditure for architectural features. A building placed on a prominent corner in some other location in town would cost many thousand dollars more for a construction to fit its surroundings, without mentioning the

cost of the lot itself. We recommend that the town, if it votes to build a High School building, make use of this lot and face the building toward Town House Avenue, using the town house lot for the front walks and approaches.

We have gone into the matter of the type of building needed, and the cost, with the assistance of two architects, who have submitted sketches that have been carefully examined and have been pronounced adequate by the school authorities. A three story building seems to be agreed upon as the one best fitted to our conditions, with an Assembly Hall on the lower floor in the rear to seat about 500, with class-room facilities for 400 to 450 pupils, and an opportunity to enlarge the building in a satisfactory manner if the school grows beyond this limit; with up-to-date laboratories, a lunch-room, domestic science room, and manual training room; in short the accepted and standard features of a modern high school. We have gone far enough with our investigations to be convinced that such a building can be built on the lot named and fully equipped for a total cost of \$100.00. We do not believe that the town can obtain a satisfactory building for less money, and we do not recommend that any attempt be made to build a high school building for a smaller outlay.

The condition in our schools is a serious one, and the congestion is growing worse each year. The High School is only one part of the problem, for the congestion in the grades is fully as bad. It is going to be very difficult to properly house the pupils for the coming year. The following year conditions will be even worse.

The State inspectors have notified the town authorities that the Town House School can only be used for a temporary relief and that a large expenditure must be made upon the Union Street building if it is to be used beyond the present year. All sorts of schemes have to be devised to make the pupils fit into the buildings.

In order to have a building ready for the fall of 1917, it will be necessary to have work commenced very soon. We know that material and labor are on a very high level, but we get no encouragement from any source of any prospective decrease in the next year or two.

We realize that the construction of a High School building means a heavy burden to the town. But we also believe that the voters are thoroughly in sympathy with the policy

of making an adequate provision for their schools, and that any backward step from that course would in the end be disastrous to the welfare of the town.

We recommend that the town build a High School building and that construction be commenced as soon as possible, so that the building may be ready to occupy by a year from next September.

Respectfully submitted,

GRANVILLE E. TILLSON
D. D. SULLIVAN
GEO. R. SAMPSON
CHARLES N. ATWOOD
BOURNE WOOD

Committee.

Voted: That the town build and equip a new High School building on the site and in accordance with the plans presented by the building committee, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.

Voted: That the Committee on Investigation of School conditions be a building committee appointed by the Town to carry into effect the provisions of this motion with full power to act.

Voted: That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, or a majority thereof a sum of money not to exceed \$100,000 to be denominated the "High School Loan;" and to issue for the same, 100 notes or bonds of the town in denominations of \$1,000 each, signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Selectmen, or a majority thereof, payable in accordance with the provisions of Section 14, Chapter 719, of the Acts of 1913, so that the whole of said loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first note or bond or at such earlier date as the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen, or a majority thereof may determine.

Voted: That \$475 be appropriated for the purpose of repairing Union Street School and that such sum be raised in addition to the sums previously assessed on the Polls and Estates of the Town during the current municipal year and assessed, committed and collected in accordance with the Statutes provided therefor, and with the By-laws of the Town.

ANNUAL ELECTION, NOV. 7, 1916.

Meeting called to order promptly at ten o'clock in the forenoon at Precinct One and Precinct Two, the Warrant was duly read by the Wardens, the Election Officers sworn in and the voting commenced immediately.

The following Election Officers conducted the election:

Precinct One.

Bert J. Allan	Warden
E. B. Whitmarsh	Deputy Warden
P. W. Keith	Clerk
E. I. Perkins	Deputy Clerk
Edmund Pratt	Inspector
B. E. Holmes	Inspector
Walter I. Standish	Deputy Inspector
Elmer G. Allan	Deputy Inspector
Josiah T. Carver	Officer

Precinct Two.

Henry W. Sears	John J. Mahoney
Chester E. Weston	James P. McCarthy
Michael J. Cronan	Oscar F. Stetson
Henry B. Schlueter	Walter L. Beals
Ernest M. O'Toole	Henry W. Sears, Jr.
Sylvanus L. Brett	Zenas E. Phinney
E. T. Pierce Jenks	Lewis L. Symonds
James F. Roberts, Officer.	

The result of the balloting was as follows:

Total votes cast, Precinct One, seventy-one (71), Precinct Two, one thousand two hundred and sixty-three (1,263).

Electors of President & Vice President	Precinct 1	Precinct 2
Benson and Kirkpatrick, Socialist		
Delegates at Large had		45
District Delegates had		45
Hanly and Landrith, Prohibition		
Delegates at Large had		10
District Delegates had		10
Hughes and Fairbanks, Republican		
Delegates at Large had	50	693

District Delegates	50	693
Wilson and Marshall, Democratic		
Delegates at Large had	18	458
District Delegates had	18	458
Blanks	3	57

For Governor:—

James Hayes had		13
Chester R. Lawrence had		24
Samuel W. McCall had	51	710
Frederick W. Mansfield had	12	409
Dan A. White had		49
Blanks	8	58

For Lieutenant Governor:—

Calvin Coolidge had	53	727
Alfred H. Evans had		29
Sylvester J. McBride had		57
Thomas J. Maher had		9
Thomas P. Riley had	10	329
Blanks	8	112

For Secretary:—

Thomas F. Brennan		17
Leon R. Eyges had	9	288
Louise Adams Grout had		54
Albert P. Langtry had	55	717
Blanks	7	187

For Treasurer:—

Charles L. Burrill had	52	723
Frederick E. Oelcher had		11
Elam K. Sheldon had		55
Henry N. Teague had	10	288
Blanks	9	186

For Auditor:—

Joseph Bearak had		58
Frank Bohmbach had		8
Alonzo B. Cook had	55	701
John B. N. Soulliere had	8	283
Blanks	8	213

For Attorney General:—

Henry C. Attwill had	55	711
Joseph Joyce Donahue had	10	280
Joseph Jiskra had		12
John Weaver Sherman had	1	58
Blanks	5	202

For Senator in Congress:—

John F. Fitzgerald had	17	406
Henry Cabot Lodge had	47	663
William N. McDonald had	2	66
Blanks	5	128

For Congressman:—

Ralph W. Crosby had	14	311
Joseph Walsh had	58	733
Scattering votes and blanks	9	219

For Councillor:—

Joseph M. Coldwell had	3	121
David L. Parker had	54	731
Blanks	14	411

For Senator:—

Edward N. Dahlborg had	48	673
Walter F. Russell had	11	340
Zoel Thibadeau had	1	59
Blanks	11	191

For Representative in General Court:—

William M. Haskins had	48	694
Joseph P. Hyman had	9	364
Scattering votes and blanks	14	205

For County Commissioner:—

Charles S. Beal had	53	700
Edward P. Boynton had	8	309
Matthew J. Teehan had		62
Blanks	10	192

For Associate Commissioners:—

Albert Oddie had	6	140
William L. Sprague had	51	701
Frank D. Watton had	7	192
Scattering votes and blanks	78	1493

For District Attorney:—

Chester W. Ford had	10	308
Frederick G. Katzmann had	46	626
Robert A. Nutting had	3	90
Blanks	12	239

For Clerk of Courts:—

Abraham Bloom had	4	114
Edward E. Hobart had	51	764
Blanks	16	385

For Register of Deeds:—

Charles J. Brandt had	3	118
John B. Washburn had	52	751
Blanks	16	394

“Shall there be a convention to revise, alter or amend the constitution of the Commonwealth?”

Yes had	21	450
No had	24	269
Blanks	26	544

“Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, to make the first day of January, known as New Year’s Day, a legal holiday, be approved and become law?”

Yes had	34	595
No had	20	317
Blanks	17	351

“Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, entitled ‘An act to prevent the voters of one political party from voting in the primaries of another political party’ be approved and become law?”

Yes had	29	368
No had	18	384
Blanks	24	511

“Shall the Representative or Representatives from this district be instructed to support the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, providing

for some form of the initiative and referendum which shall give to the voters the power to accept or reject Statutes and constitutional amendments proposed to the Legislature by petition of a substantial number of citizens but rejected by it, and also the power, upon such petition to reject measures passed by the Legislature?"

Yes had	31	580
No had	8	118
Blanks	32	565

Middleboro, Mass., Nov. 17, 1916.

The Town Clerks of the Seventh Plymouth Representative District met in the Town Clerk's office, Middleborough, to canvass the vote for Representative. All Clerks of the District were present and the vote was canvassed with the following result:

	Halifax	Kingston	Plympton	Middleboro	Total
William M. Haskins had	54	231	59	742	1086
Joseph P. Hyman had	6	49	14	373	442
Blanks and scattering votes	8	77	23	219	1334

Middleboro, Mass., Sept. 7, 1916.

The Appropriation Committee met at the Town Clerk's office, at 7.30 o'clock P. M., William G. Boynton, Chairman, presiding.

Voted to charge to the Reserve Fund the amount of \$599.43 and to credit a like amount to Plymouth Street Highway.

Voted to charge to the Reserve Fund the amount of \$337.59 and to credit a like amount to the Highway Snow Account.

The Town Clerk has received from Dog Licenses and Hunter's Licenses the following amounts:

702 Dog Licenses	\$1,743.00	
454 Hunter's Licenses	463.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,206.00

Paid:—

County Treasurer, Dog Licenses	1,602.60	
Town Clerk's fees	140.40	
Commissioners on Fisheries and Game	394.90	
Town Clerk's fees	68.10	
	<hr/>	\$2,206.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT A. THOMAS, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLE-
BOROUGH DURING THE YEAR 1916.

Date	Name of Bride and Groom	Residence
Jan. 4	Charlie Tatch	Middleboro
	Antonia S. (de Sousa) Perry	Fall River
5	Chester L. Walden	Brockton
	Marion F. Turner	Middleboro
	George Henry Nolan	"
	Anna Agnes Kelliher	Boston
19	Wilfred Francis Silva	Middleboro
	Lydia Jane Eldredge	"
Feb. 6	Chester Frederick Jones	"
	Olive Mary Anselow	"
12	Walter Joseph Hart	"
	Mary Elizabeth Gerrior	"
20	Theodore Allen Braley	"
	Fannie Louise Tarto	Taunton
22	Albert Houghton Ham	Middleboro
	Fannie Isabelle Reed	"
	Oliver Clinton Trees	Maynard, Mass
	Grace Eleanor Bailey	Middleboro
26	Frank Ernest Whiting	Andover, Mass.
	Sophia Hill Anderson	Middleboro
27	Michael Sawicki	"
	Wladyslaw Rykor	"
28	Alphonse Joseph Ruel	"
	Eliza Boudro	"
Mar. 4	Ambrozeis Ymbros	"
	Mary Asipanckute	"
12	Vincenzo Ruggiario	"
	Lucia Ditrani	Plymouth, Mass.
19	Gilbert Leslie Hinckley	Middleboro
	Jennie Estella (Pyne) Litchfield	Whitman, Mass.
20	Benjamin Edward Place	Middleboro
	Ruby Isabell Sharron	"
23	James Frederic Harvey	"
	Harriet Elizabeth Southworth	"
25	Charles Henry Sparks	Warren, R. I.
	Clara Schiller Clemons	Middleboro
	Marvin Lester Rathbone	"
	Mary Jane Westgate	Wareham, Mass.
28	Warren Edwin Jefferson	Middleboro
	Clara Sousa	"
Apri. 1	Freeman Eldridge Taylor	"
	Nellie Mae Gates	"
6	Lewis Hardwick Haskell	Brockton, Mass
	Syrena Bartlett Everson	Middleboro
12	Frank Everett Buckman	"
	Alice May Braley	"
15	Chester Arthur Hopkins	"
	Fannie Willard (Fuller) James	Boston, Mass

MARRIAGES—Continued

Date	Name of Bride and Groom	Residence
19	John Crocker Haskins Florence Ethel Leonard	Raynham, Mass. Middleboro
27	Jesse Wilfred Hall Stella Marie Plunkett	" "
30	Gar0 Mootafian Almes (Pashalian) Kasabian	" "
May. 1	Antonio Trainque Alice Bolduc	" Fall River, Mass.
13	Herbert Harvey Thomas Alice Laura (Westgate) St. John	Middleboro Wareham, Mass.
	John Sirbika Amelia Zukauskas	Middleboro "
20	Ernest Martin Longee Doris Juanita Bennett Charles Parker Washburn Jr. Elsa Davis Tuttle	Brockton, Mass. Middleboro " Cambridge, Mass.
21	Andrew Smazy Nasta Swyda	Middleboro Boston, Mass.
26	Napoleon Chouinard Rosanna Marie Dubuque	Middleboro "
27	Lester Eliel Breach Mildred Guilford	" "
29	Emil Noel Marchizie Margaret Balegno	Middleboro N. Dartmouth, Mass.
June. 1	Franklin Appelton Pierce Josephine Gushee Bennett	Middleboro "
7	Charles Matthew Coyne Agnes Kathryn Maddigan	Wareham, Mass. Middleboro
8	Roy S. Conant Anna M. Madden	" West Bridgewater, Mass.
14	Raymond Lamson Seaver Mary Ellen Grady	Middleboro Bridgewater, Mass.
19	Theodore Francis Mendall Eleanor Bailey Monroe	Middleboro "
24	James McGail Bethia Cook (Reed) Wood	" "
26	Edward Anthony Begley Cecilia Elizabeth Breaves	" "
28	Arthur Carleton Stuart Mary Josephine Boucher	" "
July. 2	Keran Badrosian Vartanoah Kaprialian Jan Yrgelewicz Yusefa Kaslawski Fliorian Dzenawagie Rosalia Powlowski	" " " " " Bridgewater, Mass.
3	Pasca LeRoy Cole Inez Evelyn Smith	Plympton, Mass. "

MARRIAGES—Continued

Date	Name of Bride and Groom	Residence
	William Chester McKenney Sarah Josephine Kelley	New Bedford Mass. Middleboro
20	William Lamb	"
	Lottie Madeline (Blakelese) Millett	"
Aug. 5	Geoge Deblert Deane	"
	Louise Hortense Fuller	"
19	Aulay Daniel McAulay	"
	Viola Lucerira Farrington	"
27	Frank Sears Travassos	"
	Celia Lime	Lakeville, Mass.
Sept. 2	Ralph Leland Vickery	Middleboro
	Helen Robinson Tripp	Wareham, Mass.
	Jean Louis Logan	Middleboro
	Amt Frances Thomas	"
3	Tornari Medardo	"
	Catherine Elizabeth McNamara	"
16	Percy Ellis Trites	"
	Clara Elizabeth Hatch	Brockton, Mass.
23	LeRoy Harrison Tinkham	Middleboro
	Consue o McLearn Otis	Canton, Mass.
Oct. 1	Lester Carlton CeMoranville	Lakeville, Mass.
	Amy Betsey Card	Middleboro
7	Emil Frances Stets	"
	Mary Venedicta MacNeill	"
8	Niclis George Dascoulis	Manchester, N. H.
	Athanasia Niclis Traetour	Middleboro
9	Joseph Samuel Robidoux	"
	Esther Mary Cashon	"
16	Allerton Bradford Wilbur	Elinwood, Mass.
	Florence Mary Maddigan	Middleboro
17	John Francis Rogers	"
	Hilda Margaret MacDonald	"
21	Mason H. Leggee	"
	Gladys Myrth Harris	Brockton, Mass.
26	Philip Lucian St. Amand	Middleboro
	Emily Rondeli	"
30	Jonathan Sherman Ashley	New Bedford
	Martha Kraus	Middleboro
Nov. 2	Henry Irving Bolles	Wareham
	Mary Madeline Warren	Middleboro
6	James Thomson McKechnie	Lakeville, Mass.
	Iram Hazel Carleton	Middleboro
	Ralph Chestney Morse	"
	Carrie Agnes Rudolph	"
15	Charles George Kazanjian	Providence, R. I.
	Margaret Sarkis(Nagarian)Aharonian	Middleboro
17	Charles E. Chase	Yarmouth, Mass.
	Mary L. Thraser	"

MARRIAGES—Continued

Date	Name of Bride and Groom	Residence
25	Edward Willard Murray	Middleboro
	Rose Anna Hart	"
29	William Joseph Houlihan	"
	Eleanor Agnes Grant	"
30	Frank L. Barstow	South Boston
	Johanna M. Matheson	Boston
	Reginald Leon Howard	Middleboro
	Esther Bridget Scanlon	"
	Samuel Ferrest Long	"
	Elsie May Braley	"
	Alphonse Simon Boudrot	"
	Barbara Virginia Decoste	Brookline, Mass.
Dec. 2	George Nerses Solakian	Middleboro
	Santooght Minos Elmassian	"
11	Norman Gardner Eaton	"
	Judith Boynton Dunham	"
20	George Martin Barden	"
	Mildred Shuman Alden	North Weymouth, Mass.
	Frederick Walton Hunter	Middleboro
	Katherine Wilmot	"
23	Wilfred Sebastine Picard	"
	Vera Bennett	"
	Edward Joseph Harris	"
	Clara Bradford Howe	"
25	Herbert Judah Gould	West Wareham, Mass.
	Ida Louise Bearse	Middleboro
26	Frank Walter Read	"
	Clara Belle Pettee	"
27	Kenneth Eugene Shaw	"
	Mildred Elizabeth Dunn	Canton, Mass.
30	Joseph Marshall Gibbs	Middleboro
	Jennie Nelson Westgate	"

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH
DURING THE YEAR 1916.

Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death
Jan.	5 Caroline M. Packard	80	1	15	Nephritis
	Manuel Penno		8	22	Lobular Pneumonia
	8 Annie Stanley	3	hs.		Premature birth
	9 Stewart			3	Premature birth
	13 Martin O. Rounseville	67	6	24	Angina pectoris
	14 Mary E. Eaton	75	5	17	Mitral Insufficiency
	22 Edward F. Wood	81	4		La grippe
	25 Julia H. Copeland	75	9	25	Apoplexy
	Charles L. Starkey	71	8	10	Apoplexy
	31 John G. Norris	64			La grippe
Feb.	26 Harriet N. Cobb	75	7	20	Pulmonary tuberculosis
	3 John R. Sturgis	85	10	20	La grippe
	4 Mary J. King	69		29	Apoplexy
	6 Ruth T. Shurtleff	90			Arterio sclerosis
	10 James E. Cushman	78	5	14	Chronic cystitis
	Julia Thompson	56			Fetid bronchitis
	11 Mary Bartis			2	Premature birth
	14 Thomas J. Belmont	65	1	15	Hypertrophy and dilation of heart
	26 William T. Shaw	35	9	20	Phthisis pulmonalis
	28 William H. H. Wade	75	7	23	La grippe
Mar.	13 Olive L. Thompson	55	1	14	Inflammation of lower part of spine
	4 Eliza A. McTaggart	30			Septic lobar pneumonia
	Eliza A. Reed	94	5	9	Shock from fall
	Still born				
	5 Adalrisa Rondelli	40			Gastric ulcer
	Margarette H. Stetson	70	7	19	Carcinoma of the intestines
	9 Wilkes H. F. Pettee	68	7	14	Mitral insufficiency
	19 Eliza M. Jones	86	2	1	Influenza
	22 Rufus H. Ellis	75	4	27	Cerebral hemorrhage
	Fronia B. Ryerson	48	5	5	Uterine Carcinoma
April	23 Joseph Rogers		8	19	Lobular pneumonia
	Susan B. Bryant	89		7	Lobar pneumonia
	Milan R. Sloan		9	22	Whooping cough
	24 Hattie C. Gregory	80	6	15	Arterio sclerosis
	25 Lydis A. Battles	81	11	25	Apoplexy
	2 Harry L. Wilbur	36	4	11	Tuberculosis
	3 Alden L. Bump	1	7	23	Capillary bronchitis
	8 Frederick A. Gardner	53	5		Mitral insufficiency
	9 Morrill L. Perkins	49	3	20	Organic disease of brain
	10 Anna Benoit	3	11	28	Broncho pneumonia
May	19 Peter Plunkett	77			Organic heart disease
	23 Marvin L. Rathbone	30		7	Endocarditis
	27 Joseph F. Black	63	9	2	Chronic bronchitis
	28 Fidelia J. Morse	66		6	Apoplexy
	30 Julia Moningis	1	1	23	Eclampsia infantum
	5 Nathan T. Jones	34	4	29	Pulmonary phthisis

DEATHS—Continued.

Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death
	6 Noble Huntley	62	6	13	Cerebral hemorrhage
	8 Edward Jacques			1	Premature birth
	12 Luke Callan	72			Arterio sclerosis
	14 Flora J. Thomas	34	3	14	Mitral stenosis
	22 Michael J. Sullivan	44	8	19	Typhoid fever
	28 Charlotte M. Thomas	7	10	4	Diphtheria
	31 Kriker H. Chilin		9	21	Broncho pneumonia
	3 Sarah A. Boomer	63	7	13	Tuberculosis
	21 Harrison D. Morse	74			Intestinal obstruction
June	1 Ephraim A. Hunt	73	6	14	Cystitis prostatitis
	5 Jacobed Travasscs		11	19	Lobular pneumonia
	8 Lucy E. Cliffcrd	72	10	24	Carcinoma of liver
	16 Lucy E. Healey	28	10	23	Acute dilation of heart
	21 Nathan D. Churchill	64	5	6	Cerebral hemorrhage
	22 Francis Gudaliewicz	32			Abscess liver
	24 Henry T. Southwick	79	3	11	Appendicitis
July	6 Ruth Rockwell			25	Icterus
	13 Still born				
	20 Betsey J. Shaw	58	6	29	Chr. interstitial nephritis
	21 Benjamin Boudreau	54			Cerebral hemorrhage
	27 Lloyd F. Keyes		2 7	11	Acute indigestion
	28 Parker			1	Atelasclasis
	31 Henry K. W. Ryder	73	10	16	Cancer of liver
Aug.	6 Fournier	4	hs.		Premature birth
	7 Elizabeth Robinson	65	9	23	Pulm. embolism
	8 John Wally	81	5	11	Cerebral hemorrhage
	13 Deborah C. Gibbs	89	5	0	Organic heart disease
	16 Joe D. Coitinho	28			Homicidal stabbing
	18 John W. Grigor	69	8	9	Bronchial pneumonia
	24 Julia Sheehan	62			Septicaemia
	25 Minerva McKenney	76	0	10	Chr. endocarditis
	1 Mary E. Morse	66	11	20	Acute nephritis
Sept.	3 Drusilla J. Bryant	76	2	5	Apoplexy
	5 Sylvanus Rose	27	4	13	Pulm. tuberculosis
	Antoinette Robillard	33			Tuberculosis of throat
	7 Mildred E. Asllopp		4	10	Ileocolitis
	8 Edmund Russell	53			Chr. nephritis
	26 Lena C. Snyder	24	8	22	Phthisis pulmonalis
	Bradford Harlow	62	6	10	Carcinoma of prostate
	12 Alice W. Bennett	59	8	2	Diabetes mellitus
July	22 David G. Pratt	68	8	15	Chr. valv. heart disease
Oct.	1 Godfrey Bessette	71			Disease of heart
	10 Benjamin W. Bump	78	7	12	Arterial sclerosis
	21 Ellen M. Flynn	78	0	9	Mitral stenosis
	28 Charlotte A Maccmber	68	7	2	Carcinoma of stomach
Nov.	2 Simeon L. Pratt	69	6	17	Hypertrophy of prostrate
	6 William H. Horton	72	11	23	Carcinoma of stomach
	Mary D. Keyes	70	2	21	Capillary bronchitis

DEATHS—Continued

Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death
8	Thomas F. Riley	62		24	Nephritis
19	Mary A. Wilbur	79	10	22	Mitral insufficiency
22	Adam P. McKeen	61	8	15	Mitral insufficiency
24	Stephen Sawicki			2	Blue born babe
27	Still born				
Oct. 20	Edward B. Breck	14	3	15	Anterior Poliomyelitis
Dec. 2	Nathaniel F. Shurtleff	72	3	17	Diabetic Coma
21	Joseph Boisvert	49	4	15	Apoplexy
23	Susan L. Cushman	47			Peritonitis
	John Gabral		1	24	Croupous pneumonia
24	Gertrude G. Millette	6	0	2	Endocarditis
30	Gladys L. Tibbetts		3	1	Lobular pneumonia
31	Malon S. Heath	84	11	30	Hit by steam engine
Oct. 30	Warren H. Southworth	81		16	Nephritis

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH
DURING THE YEAR 1916.

Date	Name	Name of Parents
1879		
Oct. 8	Winfred Evans Bryant	George F. and Mabel E. Evans
1897		
May 4	Antone G. Rose	Manuel G. and Enos Rose
23	Grace Goldthwaite Eddy	Benjamin F. and Lora E. Hall
1898		
Dec. 21	William Clarence Bonney	George E. & Susan F. Raymond
1899		
May 17	Lawrence Stephen Quinn	Michael and Nora E. Healy
Nov. 17	Dorothy Marshall Fessenden	Edward W. & Laura J. LePorte
1900		
Mar. 5	Ida May Caswell	Henry V. and Mary E. Dunham
July 22	Doris Melburg Nathalie Peterson	Neils John and Betty Erickson
1905		
Dec. 7	Arthur Warren Shaw	Walter A. & Betsey S. Dunham
1914		
May 31	Richmond Monroe Gifford	Frank M. and Jennie Monroe
Sept. 7	Natalie Sawyer Cummings	Arthur G. and Grace E. Wood
1915		
Jan. 4	Preston Hiram Richmond	Rufus H. and Annie M. Goss
April 6	Marjorie DeMaranville	Ralph S. and Susie B. Pierce
19	Russell Henry Robbins	George A. and Mabel H. Arey
30	Barbosa	Manuel and Charlotte Rogers
May 4	Circello	Tony and Jioni Granieri
18	Inez Adelaide Shaw	Harrison C. and Nina G. Blake
1916		
Jan. 2	Marie Rhoda Turbish	Samuel H. and Nellie F. Johnson
4	Ray Anker Anonsen	Anker and Marguerite Rivette
	Marion Ada Dimond	Ira A. and Ruth M. Sherman
	Edward Leon Huxley	Edward J. and Rose E. Cassini
6	Still born	
8	Elenor Langly Wright	Howard G. and Bertha Hart
	Annie Stanlitch	Benne and Annie Polowski
10	George William Wood	Daniel C. and Grace A. Pittsley
11	Joseph Pere Gamache	Joseph and Anna Dechambeau
14	Joseph Thomas Pretti	Alfred and Thomasina Delcissa
16	Jesse De Arruda	Manuel and Mary Corria
	Illegitimate	
31	Agnes Switlowich	Frank and Mary Bagdziwieczus
Feb. 1	Margaret Louise Harrington	Daniel H. and Mary C. Hoar
	Victoria Anna Grenawaetz	Frank and Sofia Atmkawetz
2	Joseph Clark Cleveland	Edward H. & Mary L. Dorrance
3	Elizabeth Mendosa	John F. and Elizabeth Gerhardt
5	David Gurney Bearse	Alvin W. and Jennie M. Joy
	Jamina Stanuliewicz	Wincenty and Rose Mistaztch
	Beatrice Rachael Witham	Maurice A. and Grace L. Morse
6	Gerard William de Boer	George and Janna der Broeder
	Dorothy Lucia Thomas	William and Annie Stranger
9	Myra Allen Clark	Ralph G. and Lottie A. Thomas

BIRTHS—Continued

Date	Name	Name of Parents
	Bartis	Charles and Josephine Zakarackiute
10	Lloyd Wilson Nourse	Ralph E. & Rena Poland Nourse
11	Reginald Frank Kinsman	Frank and Elizabeth Thomas
14	Sowyrda	John and Eva Bednarczyk
15	Joseph Prati	Alfred and Delcisa
18	Gertrude Mannion	John F. and Mary E. Ford
	Edward K. Gomes	Joseph and Mary Correia
19	Alice Baira	Jesse and Hortense Travers
	Walter Zilonis	Myka and Josephine Sutkoska
20	Carlisle Howland Bosworth	Bertram M. & Grave V. Carlisle
24	Cora Bell Place	Chester A. and Lilla B. Cameron
28	Walter Jeffrey Benoit	Adolph C. and Nelanie Jonkus
29	Amy Arlene Caldwell	Hiram and Ida Miller
Mar. 3	Axel Nielson	Neils and Marie Thompson
4	Still born	
7	Charles Joseph Waters, Jr.	Charles J. & Hilda S. Anderson
9	Doris Maxim	Everett L. & Margaret Cameron
	Charles William Graney	William C. and Hattie Morse
11	George Carter Brown	John A. and Hattie Clark
13	Roger Lewis Tucker	William S. and Ethel Hunt
14	Lillias Georgia Moore	Henry A. and Gertrude Johnson
18	Mervin Leonard Barney	Leland, Jr. & Miriam Holloway
19	Dommic Jinidullo	Antonio and Chadola Consiceto
21	Olga Julia Skaratin	Stanley and Margretti Cameron
22	Helen Louise Ryder	Henry L. and Elsie M. Cudworth
23	Pasquale Merluccio	Michele and Maria Garaffalo
30	Amelle Annalle Pawilauskis	Frank and Aurelia Auksylikalnaicza
	Irene Virginia Marshall	Alfred and Mabel Marshall
31	Rosanna Mary Keegan	James and Anna Robidoux
April 1	Lauretta Eleanor Bissonnette	Adrian and Margaret Lawson
2	Francis William Boyer	William & Anna A.M. Gamache
	Lawrence Bradford Westgate	Arthur B. and Mary E. Brothers
3	Kevorkian	Garabed and Agavnie Sperian
6	Hendvik Simkiewicz	Udlodsyslow and Petroneli Lemezoli
7	Kichar	Myka and Annie Ludika
8	Sophia Appolonia Banus	Myka and Annie Alowskynti
15	Lyman Elmore Gillis	George L. & Beatrice Gammons
	John Francis Cox	Stephen J. and Mary A. Gibbons
	Francis Fay Leonard	Joseph F. and Margaret Fay
16	Ernest Henry Massicott	Arthur and Emma Turcott
18	Carleton Irving White	Carleton I. and Gladys Shurtleff
21	George Vincent Moskoff	Frank and Sarah Green
22	Elliott Wilson Harlow, Jr.	Elliott W. and Florence V. Howard
23	Charles Edward Griffith	Edward C. and Eva A. Shaw

BIRTHS—Continued

Date	Name	Name of Parents
May 28	Mildred Edith Allsopp	Arthur E. and Susan Thomas
May 2	Lester Raymond Gammon	George B. and Annie McLeod
4	Alfred Philip Hebbart	Jeffrey and Mary J. Joncas
5	Villette Lillian Carver	Chester and Nellie F. Pierce
6	Mary Josephine Arena	Pat and Manawella Mastond
7	Edward Jacques	Albert B. and Virginia Harvey
16	Phillis Quindley	Leo A. and Alice L.K. Raymond
	Milton Alphonso Provost	Alphonso and Harriet Eldridge
	Frances Mary Boehme	Joseph B. & Margaret L. Flynn
19	Joseph Edward Cloutier	Ernest and Lena Robideau
20	Dorothy Elizabeth Howes	Harry W. and Dorothy Shaw
23	Edwin Forest Jefferson	Warren E. and Clara Souza
25	Wilma Louise Carver	Joseph A. and Ina Barrows
29	Richard Anderson Guilford	William H. & Caroline Anderson
June 1	Joseph Teceno	Joseph & Margaret McCauslin
2	Lawrence Joseph Remillard	Oliva J. and Margaret Dusett
3	Raymond Walter Orr	James and Nelida Bazinelt
	George Edwin Bude, Jr.	George E. and Lillian Anderson
	Eva Rosa	Manuel and Mary Camaral
4	Helen Morton Beckwith	Harry L. and Lena A. Bryant
5	Chester Elisson	Chester and Myrtle Drake
6	Maynard Russell Alden	Gordon B. and Agnes E. Kennie
8	Eleanor Deschamps	John W. and Lena E. Thompson
9	Roy Rydon Card	Aaron L. and Ester G. Brydon
10	Irene Margaret Benoit	Clifford H. and Lena Bourget
11	Ruth Rockwell	John D. and Susie Robbins
14	Richard L. Clark	William T. & Mary E. Roberts
17	Ruth Marrie Bumpus	Frank S. and Rose E. Short
22	Mary Cabral Cordeio	Joseph C. and Annie Cabral
	Norman Napoleon Carroll	Rene and Laura Dupont
23	Joseph Aldrick Beaubarlut	Joseph and Lizzie Bassett
25	Charles Harris Pittsley	Francis K. and Ethel L. Pittsley
27	Pauline Ava Dimock	Scott J. and Edna M. Briggs
28	Peter Bitisikas	Theodore and Demetra Paulopoulos
July 1	Irean Reta Lefranboise	Joseph and Lena Beauvai
3	Francis Anthony Kelley	Lawrence Marie Lepre
6	Louis Shurtleff Hathaway	Louis and Lelah Burns
7	Mary Ella Dutra	Joseph and Mary Gloria
	Mary Margaret St. Don	Victor and Branette Doucette
11	Albert Elmer Matrisciano	Tony and Annie Festa
12	Manuel Costa	Joseph and Mary Natta
	Stella Circella	Anthony and Joanina Craniera
13	Dorothea Bailey	Arnold J. and Florence Richardson
16	Harrison Lester Barrows	Raymond A. & Alice B. Duffany
	Arthur Clayton Vaughn	Henry L. and Florence L. Hunt

BIRTHS—Continued

Date	Name	Name of Parents
17	Alma Louise Paradis	Wilfred H. and Amanda Morin
18	Francisco Mello	John and Marianna Marchado
	Francis Joseph Thomas	Joseph C. & Florence A. Nelson
20	Antone Martinis	John and Mary Gloria
	Lithgow Hunter, Jr.	Lithgow and Francis C. Pur- ington
23	Rita Pauline LaPlante	Peter A. and Bridget M. Cassidy
26	Ann Elizabeth Sullivan	William D. and Mary A. Shea
27	Rosa Lena Fred	Manuel and Mary Concessa
	Herbert James Reed	Herbert & Margaret McCluskey
28	Joseph Arthur Roy	George S. and Regina Brault
	still born	
Aug. 1	Anna Maria Santosky	Frank and Sophia Zaornoske
2	Lillian Frances Ditano	Leonard and Ametra Rose
3	James Duggan	Patrick J. and Ellen Devlin
4	Joseph Anthony Trocchi	Ettore and Emma Busi
8	Lester Martin Johnson	Martin A. and Lena M. Lincoln
7	Gertrude Pittsley	Arthur L. and Alice M. Reynolds
9	Michael Pawlak	Demy and Amy Sowards
	Clarence Peter Thompson	Thomas and Agnes Doucett
12	George Melvin Harrow	George M. and Mary A. Daly
13	Russell Paul Boucher	Joseph and Marie A. Silva
17	Margaret Elizabeth Byrnes	Richard and Josie Leahy
18	Thomas Delegrocco	Costantino and Michelino Don- ofrio
23	Ethel Alden Shaw	Merrill A. and Lottie J. Wordell
	Walter Ernest Wells	Walter E. and Charlotte Blandin
25	Samuel Sturgis Crocker	Samuel S., Jr. and Ethel M. Smith
28	August Stephen Norvais	Charlie and Besdelia Genitz
	Ernestine Anacki	Antone and Annie Rock
	Leon Herbert Fuller	Chester F. & Minnie F. Tinkham
30	Edwin Joseph Doucette	Francis & Margarette Andersen
	John P. Radzewizs	Peter and Helena Gladzeuki
31	Norman Louis Lincourt	Louis A. and Rose de Lima St. Martin
Sept. 1	Agnes Arleen M. Louzon	George T. and Nora K. Herlihy
5	Joseph Andrew Pina	Peter and Elsie Rosa
	Raffaeli Marra	Angelo and Giuseppina Bova
6	Lavon Piranian	Samuel and Vagan Kaprenian
9	Mary Lucy Faietti	Nino and Sarah Falconeri
12	Anthony Sauz	Anthony and Maria Shpirsauz
	Roger Lawrence Hall	Jesse W. and Stella Plunkett
13	Claire Gabriel Deschenes	Flavius and Alma Jean
16	Flora Jane Eaton	Orrin W. and Josephine Shea
22	Maria Carrero	John and Maria Furtado
23	Raymond Howard Reynolds	E. D. and Mary L. Welch
24	Roger Francis Sampson	Joseph E. and Mary I. Sampson

BIRTHS—Continued

Date	Name	Name of Parents
26	Lucy Jeannette Athanasian	Charles A. and Jennie S. Wrightington
28	Eleanor Flynn	Richard E. and Florence E. McDonald
	Thomas Edward Hart	Thomas and Lillian F. Warren
	William Horace Hunter	Harold A. and Gertrude Knight
29	Gladys Lucy Tibbetts	Frank C. and Lillian M. Hinks
	Charlotte Elizabeth DeMoranville	James H. and Matilda E. Hartland
	Helen Alice Huxley	William J. and Isabelle Pedro
Oct. 2	Earl Frederick Guilford	Fred V. and Mary Thomas
3	Howard Clifton Tinkham	Leroy C. and Jennie E. Conant
5	Madeline Shaw	Chester L. and Lena M. Baldwin
8	Amelia Sylvia	Anthony and Mary Angelis
12	Winifred Alice Imbult	Louis and Julia Buzzel
13	Arnold Levi Russell	Fred B. and Lillian Millerd
15	Fred Elmer Lewis	William and Dorothy Rich
19	Illegitimate	
21	Rita Byrne	John T. and Mary G. Devine
24	Hazel Alberta Black	John A. and Laura F. Jones
29	Frank Millard Raymond	Earl C. and Ellen A. MacDonald
Nov. 2	William Joseph Benson	Elmer and Abbie Wilbur
4	Cecelia Rose Moquin	Henry E. and Aurella Dube
	Still born	
10	Raymond Stanislaus Dower	Raymond S. & Marion R. Gavin
11	Mabel Florence Long	Albert and Fannie Schmerl
12	Nicholas Giovinetti	Carmen and Annetta Ferris
	Gladys Lucille Teinque	Joseph G. and Hattie Chase
14	Joseph Cabral Beiro	Manuel C. and Maria de Jazuo
16	John Cabral	Manuel and Mary Joseph
18	Edna Ann Gilman	William H. and Rose A. Fillon
22	Stephen Joseph Sawicki	Michol and Winifred Rynkok
24	Alfonses Yarushites	Peter and Annie Shuepes
25	White	Frederick and Mary B. Nichols
28	Still born	
30	Winsor Farnum Parker	Chester A. and Clara A. Lee
Dec. 1	John Edwin Fowler	John J. and Ethel Arey
4	Anderson	Emil and Jennie Hougatoton
5	Maria Lanzo Sousa	Jose and Maria G. eav Lanzo
9	Ansel Allan Delano	Ralph A. and Madlyn Stearns
11	Mildred Giulietta Fasulo	James and Mary Marucn
12	Sisilia Eulivea	John and Maria Sante
13	Helen Francis Nolan	Robert E. and Mildred L. Bragdon
16	Robert Elwyn Lynde	Elwyn B. and Mabel Wilbur
17	Nerses Barsoomian	Jose and Victoria Parosian
20	Roger Allen Goff	Charles G. and Ethel F. Valler
28	Maxine Francis Shaw	William F. and Aldora Blackwell
29	Henry Braton Anderson	William S. and Ida Braton
30	Dorothy Thelma Fuller	Adelbert O. and Josephine M. Norcross

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

Lot Owner	Endowment	Balance
Central and So. Middleboro Cemeteries:		
M. H. Cushing	\$400.00	\$443.84
Central and Nemasket Hill Cemeteries:		
Joseph and Nathaniel Leonard	400.00	458.48
Central and Titicut Cemeteries:		
Everett Robinson Estate	300.00	408.19
Rock and Ewer Cemeteries:		
Cqlvin Tinkham and R. and H. G. O. Gibbs	150.00	157.03
Nemasket Hill and Rock Cemeteries:		
Lydia B. Vaughan and Benjamin Thomas	50.00	54.04
Central Cemetery:		
Harding C. Angus	100.00	105.44
Sarah E. Bartlett	100.00	106.25
T. H. & H. A. Besse	100.00	106.48
A. J. Bisbee	100.00	107.21
S. S. Bourne	100.00	110.07
Rufus J. Brett	100.00	108.36
F. O. Burgess	61.27	64.09
Joseph W. Cobb	100.00	105.38
Charles A. Cole	20.00	20.80
Robert V. Cole	82.14	90.32
Richard Cox	25.00	26.02
Lydia B. Cushing	50.00	52.20
William L. Dean	100.00	106.47
James Dowsing	51.61	53.94
Mary E. Drake	100.00	107.00
Hannah S. Drew	100.00	106.22
Ziba Eaton	100.00	104.04
George C. Fairbanks	100.00	104.66
David H. Farrar	100.00	107.28
N. N. Fenno	100.00	111.31
Thomas Gammons	100.00	106.00
S. B. Gibbs	100.00	106.14
Gilmore	100.00	104.12
William M. Haskins	100.00	109.34

George H. Hermann	50.00	52.06
Henry M. Hodges	100.00	105.80
P. B. Holmes	100.00	119.75
John Johnson	75.00	78.08
B. F. Jones	100.00	108.06
Sarah P. Jones	100.00	106.90
Henry C. Keith	100.00	108.69
Clara S. Kelley	100.00	108.28
Eliza H. Kelley	100.00	109.26
William A. King	100.00	109.88
Calvin D. Kingman	100.00	106.03
John B. Knowland	100.00	105.42
Robert W. Lashures	100.00	108.33
Otis Leach	100.00	105.44
James Allen Leonard	150.00	159.24
Lewis Lincoln	200.00	217.88
Thomas J. Lovell	100.00	105.66
John N. Main	100.00	109.21
J. P. McCully	100.00	106.38
Alden Miller	100.00	108.07
Sophronia P. Osborne	100.00	110.57
Alvin Pease	100.00	107.50
Joseph L. Pease	100.00	107.55
David D. Perkins	75.00	79.62
Esther A. Phinney	100.00	135.21
Lizzie P. Pierce	100.00	105.30
T. W. Pierce	100.00	106.82
G. Allen Porter	100.00	105.30
John B. Ramsdell	50.00	50.17
Alfred Randall	100.00	110.72
Aaron Raymond	100.00	106.67
Lucy A. Raymond	100.00	100.00
Mary A. Raymond	100.00	106.60
George W. Rich	100.00	108.32
Jairus H. Shaw	50.00	50.00
Jacob G. Sparrow	100.00	106.30
Louisa Spooner	100.00	107.44
Edwin F. H. Stevens	100.00	105.30
Isaiah S. Swift	100.00	104.04
Reuben Taylor	100.00	108.40
Eliphalet Thomas	50.00	53.60
Lydia N. Thomas	100.00	107.92
Allerton Thompson	100.00	105.42
Mrs. Lehman	60.00	63.33
B. F. Tripp	100.00	105.52
John Walley	50.00	50.17

Ward	100.00	105.36
Azel Washburn	100.00	115.89
William Washburn	50.00	52.16
Flora A. Weston	50.00	52.20
Chauncy D. White	100.00	111.05
Sarah D. White	500.00	613.91

Nemasket Hill Cemetery:

J. M. Eddy	100.00	117.12
Austin Ford	50.00	52.06
William W. Goss	80.00	80.00
Henry F. Pope	100.00	117.12
Arthur I. Randall	200.00	208.08
Sophronia L. Reed	50.00	57.68
Louis Ritter	75.00	78.30
J. Martin Robbins	50.00	50.00
Rhoda J. Savery	100.00	117.12
William Shiverick	150.00	181.27
Charles Soule	100.00	117.12
Edmund Thompson	50.00	55.92
Oliver H. Thompson	100.00	117.12
Benjamin C. Tinkham	50.00	58.56
Edward F. Tinkham	200.00	211.11
Agnes Tribou	50.00	56.30
Warren	50.00	55.36
Hannah C. Warren	50.00	51.50
Philander Washburn	100.00	102.00
Waterman	100.00	100.66
Thomas Weston	150.00	175.70
B. P. Wood	100.00	117.12
Cornelius B. Wood	150.00	175.70
Ellen T. Wood	100.00	110.83
Julia M. Wood	100.00	107.50
Nelson and Albert Wood	100.00	104.04
Priscilla Wood	50.00	58.56
Thomas Wood	100.00	114.76

Cemetery at Rock:

C. N. Atwood	100.00	105.03
Deborah Carver	100.00	139.32
Maria F. Chace	100.00	106.76
Julia S. Cobb	100.00	140.43
Dr. Samuel Cobb	45.00	53.59
Sylvester F. Cobb	100.00	143.56

Charles F. Cushman	176.75	232.47
Mary B. Keith	75.00	97.56
George W. Sherman	50.00	52.37
A. J. Smith	50.00	53.04
Ephraim H. Thomas	75.00	84.06
H. N. Thomas and W. O. Barrows	1,000.00	1,470.35
Jane A. Wood	18.44	21.23

Cemetery at the Green:

Ira Bryant	50.00	61.77
Nelson Conb	50.00	62.66
Branch Harlow	100.00	126.25
James G. Nichols	50.00	53.50
Augustus H. Soule	100.00	100.33
J. B. and I. H. Thompson	100.00	190.47
Lydia R. Thompson	100.00	134.59
David Wood	100.00	107.75
Julia M. Wood and Caroline Robbins	50.00	59.48

Fall Brook Cemetery:

Atwood and Thomas	200.00	218.42
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Gilbert Pierce Cemetery:

Marion Road	75.00	75.02
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North Middleboro Cemetery:

Sumner Keith	100.00	120.68
Jared Pratt	150.00	194.92
Waldron and Barrows	150.00	164.52

Purchade Cemetery:

Andrew L. Alden	50.00	50.00
Lysander Richmond	100.00	133.04

Sachem Street Cemetery:

Gammons	50.87	61.77
Thomas Smith	50.00	77.95
Almeda E. Thomas	50.00	55.20

South Middleboro Cemetery:

Samuel W. Gammons	100 .00	104 .08
John and Henry Thomas	50 .00	52 .20
W. O. and S. T. LeBaron	50 .00	52 .06

St Mary's Cemetery:

Daniel Hallisey	100 .00	104 .40
Geo. Jeffers	500 .00	521 .30
Honora Creedon	100 .00	102 .00

Summer St. Cemetery:

Jonathan T. Washburn	200 .00	258 .41
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Thomastown Cemetery:

Care of cemetery	228 .00	252 .56
Atwood	100 .00	191 .89
Asa and Clarinda Shaw	100 .00	106 .12
Eleazer Thomas	100 .00	172 .21

Wappanucket Cemetery:

Benjamin Richmond	400 .00	509 .03
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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Year Ending December 31, 1916.

The Selectmen have drawn orders upon the Town Treasurer for amounts hereinafter given under the several appropriations made by the Town.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation	\$4,307.33	
Overdraft from 1915	17.33	
	<hr/>	\$4,290.00
Orders drawn:		
Albert A. Thomas, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector	\$1,200.00	
Albert T. Savery, Assessor	453.00	
Benjamin C. Shaw, Assessor	420.00	
Edwin F. Witham, Assessor	12.00	
Bourne Wood, Selectman	366.70	
Henry B. Schlueter, Selectman	233.33	
E. H. Cromwell, Selectman	179.00	
Lorenzo Wood, Registrar	82.50	
Walter Chipman, Registrar	83.50	
William J. Coughlin, Registrar	75.50	
Albert A. Thomas, Registrar	75.00	
Albert A. Thomas, Treasurer for Election and Caucus Officers	194.50	
Albert A. Thomas, Member of Appropriation Committee	10.00	
Lyman P. Thomas, Member of Appropriation Committee	10.00	
William G. Boynton, Member of Appropriation Committee	10.00	
George C. Doane, Member of Appropriation Committee	10.00	
Carlton W. Maxim, Member of Appropriation Committee	10.00	

Jesse F. Morse, Member of Appropriation Committee	10.00	
Harry LeBaron Sampson, Member of Appropriation Committee	10.00	
Alvin C. Howes, Moderator	20.00	
John H. Pushee, Inspector of Animals	200.00	
Daniel F. Wilbur, Dog Officer	175.00	
William W. Brackett, Auditor	200.00	
Burton Dinsmore, Inspector of Wires	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,115.03
Balance for 1916		<hr/> \$174.97

TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE.

Appropriation	\$1,237.41	
Overdraft 1915	62.41	
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	1,175.00	
Received from Overseers of Poor	1.25	
	<hr/>	\$1,176.25
Orders Drawn:		
L. S. Estabrook, Clerk Assessors	\$375.40	
Florence C. Haskins, Clerk, Assessors	2.00	
Florence C. Haskins, Clerk, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector	350.00	
Bourne Wood, Clerk Selectmen	37.50	
Stella R. Pedigree, Clerk Selectmen	57.00	
Doris L. Leonard, Clerk Selectmen	58.00	
Daniel F. Wilbur, Horse Hire, Dog Officer	22.00	
New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.	140.59	
Puritan Cafe, Lunches Election Officers	20.55	
Albert T. Savery, Horse Hire Assessors	36.15	
Benjamin C. Shaw, Auto, Assessors	180.00	
F. A. Johnson, Labor & Material	5.13	
	<hr/>	\$1,284.32
Overdraft for 1916		108.07

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	\$2,500.00	
Appropriation for Outside Fire	104.00	
H. S. Green	3.00	
N. Y. ,N. H. & H. R. R.	60.87	
Five Town Histories	15.00	
Middleboro Gas & Electric Plant	2.70	
M. W. Baxter	.60	
Fire Money Uncalled for	24.49	
Use of Fire Truck	12.80	
Pierce Trustees, (For Town Clerk)	500.00	
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	\$3,223.46	
Overdraft from 1915	77.56	
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		\$3,145.90
Orders Drawn:		
Wakefield Daily Item	7.75	
Whitcomb & Owens	.25	
The Adder Machine Co.	10.75	
B. A. Wood	45.00	
Nemasket Press	2.00	
Mass. Bonding & Insurance Co.		
Treas. Bond	150.00	
Bourne Wood, Postcards	.65	
Bourne Wood, Administering		
Oaths 1915	6.00	
Hobbs & Warren, Supplies	21.67	
Lorenzo Wood, Printing	235.00	
Union Publishing Co., Directories	6.00	
Underwood Typewriter Co., Ribbons	3.50	
H. L. Thatcher & Co., Printing	485.48	
J. H. Burkhead, Recording Births	4.25	
A. A. Thomas, Recording Births,		
Deaths and Marriages	151.30	
Gordon A. Shaw, Insurance Moth Dept.	24.00	
T. G. Sisson, Freight & Cartage	.83	
W. L. Soule, Recording Deaths	24.50	
A. V. Smith, Recording Births	18.50	
Gilbert Simmons, Moths	5.00	
J. H. Creedon, Postmaster	110.04	
Maxim Motor Co., Fire Truck	3.45	
C. W. Maxim	200.00	
Henry Murray Co.	7.00	
Fire Department, Outside Fire	17.00	

Fred L. Hanson, Moth Building	425.00	
C. L. Hathaway, Supplies	6.25	
C. A. Hack, Town Reports	249.60	
Board of Health	15.00	
W. F. Fryer, Recording Births	9.75	
General Fireproofing Co.	401.07	
Alfred Elliott, M. D.	22.50	
M. F. Ellis	6.00	
Bureau of Statistics	12.00	
J. E. Cross	1.65	
Carters Ink Co.	2.20	
Bailey's Garage, Fire Truck	119.22	
R. M. Bassett	12.10	
F. C. Sparrow, Appraising	75.00	
P. B. Murphy, Supplies	4.00	
W. F. Meagher, Forest Warden	1.00	
Dora L. Jackson	5.00	
Florence C. Haskins, Administering Oaths	5.00	
C. O. Gioletto	1.50	
J. L. Fairbanks & Co.	6.50	
Birmingham Pen Co.	1.25	
American Ribbon & Carbon Co.	8.10	
Adams Express Co.	19.15	
Edward Healey, Returning Deaths	3.50	
Sears Lumber Co.	43.98	
Dr. W. D. Shurtleff	.25	
Geo. E. Doane	3.22	
Leonard & Sampson	128.20	
Henry B. Schlueter	.30	
A. A. Thomas Treasurer, Pay Rolls	265.25	
Middleboro Fire Department, Outside Fire	104.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,497.46

TOWN HALL

Receipts	\$1,568.63	
Insurance	2,449.47	
Appropriation	2,500.00	
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	\$6,518.22	
Overdraft 1915	253.27	
	<hr/>	\$6,364.83

Orders Drawn

MAINTENANCE.

Ray Shattuck	\$125.00
J. F. Alden, Insurance	56.25
Elizabeth Robinson, Insurance	50.00
D. D. Sullivan, Insurance	50.00
T. N. Wood, Insurance	58.13
Thomas & Weston, Insurance	50.00
Charles E. Ryder, Insurance	50.00
Annie M. Reed, Insurance	50.00
T. M. Ryder, Insurance	50.00
P. W. Keith, Insurance	81.25
Clarence Hathaway, Insurance	50.00
Bourne Wood, Insurance	50.00
B. F. Johnson, Janitor	82.09
E. K. Harrison, Janitor	877.50
Bourne Wood, Town Hall Agent	89.25
Jesse F. Morse, Supplies	.50
F. N. Whitman, Supplies	11.35
Washburn Purizone Co., Sweeping Compound	6.12
H. B. Wentworth, Care of Piano	20.00
Icabod B. Thomas, Police Duty	15.15
Kenneth Tribou, Janitor	15.00
Read Disinfectant Co.	7.60
Pioneer Mfg. Co.	15.43
U. S. Internal Revenue	200.00
Simpson Campbell Co.	75.00
F. Herbert Batchelder, Police Duty	4.50
Forest Churbuck, Disinfectant, Sweep- ing Compound & Drip Machines	33.50
James L. Jenney, Coal	522.25
William Chamberlain, Police Duty	11.10
F. M. Dean, Police Duty	3.90
Fisher Service & Supply Co., Soap	37.50
C. M. Guertin, Police Duty	5.25
Homestead Grocery, Sani Flush	2.50
Horace Leach, Labor	1.50
Middleboro Fire Dist., Water	62.85
E. H. Cromwell	10.00
T. W. Pierce, Hardware, Supplies	36.48
Middleboro Gas & Electric Plant	595.26
B. Dinsmore, Lamps	53.27

 \$3,515.48

REPAIRS.

E. B. Lovell, Watchman	\$6.00
R. M. Bassett	17.18
E. M. Russell, Painting Asbestos Drop	65.00
W. L. Soule, Supplies & Work	176.29
B. Wood, Slate	9.00
J. H. Wheeler, Watchman	6.00
C. P. Washburn, Lime	6.00
Waldo Bros., Plaster	42.00
Whitcomb & Owens, Teaming & Freight	16.47
E. F. Tinkham, Repair Clock	2.00
Roy Turner, Frames	4.45
Fred C. Sparrow, Carpenter Work	2,158.47
Geo. W. Perkins	1.55
Lloyd Perkins, Plumbing	1,002.67
Maxim Motor Co., Fire Extinguishers	57.00
C. W. Maxim, Woodwork	61.78
Fred A. Johnson, Painting	1,403.58
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R.	7.20
M. L. Hinkley, Repair Clock	6.00
Elliot W. Harlowe	5.19
Wilson G. Harlowe, Specification	25.00
General Fireproofing Co., Grill	30.00
Globe Wenricks Co., Assessors Furniture	58.00
Albino Faietti, Conductors, etc	125.86
Albert Eaton, Brick	1.10
M. F. Ellis, Supplies	54.98
John Cushman, Ashes	16.00
G. T. Dewhurst, Labor	2.25
G. A. Deane, Labor on Chimney	6.00
B. Dinsmore	511.85
Geo. E. Doane, Supplies	363.34
A. C. Cosseboome	1.50
T. F. Boucher	4.30
Bryant & Soule, Plaster	48.25
E. H. Blake, Labor & Supplies	47.70
C. A. Wood, Labor & Material	26.30
John Rivard, Masonry	168.50
Sears Lumber Co.	656.09

\$7,145.85	\$10,661.33
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Overdraft 1916

\$4,396.50

Against this amount should be credited \$840.00 in rentals not collected before closing treasurer's books for the year.

POLICE.

Appropriation	\$4,050.00	
Balance from 1915	101.17	
G. Lewis Hathaway, Chief	4.59	
Batchelder & Snyder	7.50	
County of Plymouth Rent	300.00	
Fourth District Court	345.97	
	<hr/>	\$4,809.23
Orders Drawn: as per bills approved by Chief		4,650.32
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Balance 1916		\$158.90

HIGHWAY.

For itemized account see report of Supt. of Streets.

GYPSY MOTHS

Appropriation	\$1,984.82	
Appropriation for Sprayers	250.00	
Balance from 1915	5.03	
L. Chute, Supt. (refund)	17.60	
A. Boutine	1.00	
Private Work Assessment	982.99	
Mass. Highway Commission	104.70	
State Treasurer	1,383.10	
	<hr/>	\$4,729.24
Orders Drawn as proved by Supt.		4,734.74
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Overdraft 1916		5.50

TREE WARDEN.

Appropriation	\$750.00	
Overdraft 1915	12.43	
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Orders Drawn as approved by Tree Warden		752.98
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Overdraft 1916		\$15.41

SOLDIER'S RELIEF.

Appropriation	\$2,000.00	
Overdraft 1915	934.88	
	<hr/>	\$1,065.12
Orders Drawn:		1,680.61
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Overdraft 1916		\$615.49

STATE AID.

State aid to the following amount has been paid for the year 1916	\$4,286.00
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SOLDIER'S BURIAL.

Soldiers burial expenses to the follow- ing amount have been paid for year 1916	96.00
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MILITARY AID.

Appropriation	\$324.00	
Balance for 1915	28.50	
Received from State Treasurer	375.50	
	<hr/>	\$728.00
Orders Drawn:		504.00
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Balance 1916		\$224.00

The Selectmen have made the following appointments in their order:—

Burton Dinsmore, Inspector of Wires.
 E. Kimball Harrison, Special Police.
 Dr. A. V. Smith, Soldier's Physician.
 Dr. C. S. Cummings, Soldier's Physician.
 W. H. Connor, Forest Warden.
 Linam Chute, Moth Superintendent.
 John Pushee, Inspector of Animals.
 Bourne Wood, Town Hall Agent.
 Bourne Wood, Burial Agent.
 E. Kimball Harrison, Constable.
 Myron Bump, Special Police.
 Fred L. Rounds, Special Police.

William J. Coughlin, Registrar of Voters.
 William H. Connor, Supt. of Streets.
 G. Lewis Hathaway, Keeper of Lockup.
 Morrill K. Dean, Fish Warden and Inspector of Alewives at
 East Taunton.
 Horace Patterson, Public Weigher.
 G. Lewis Hathaway, Chief of Police.
 Frank W. Hastay, Police Officer.
 Richard Warne, Police Officer.
 Daniel F. Wilbur, Fish Warden.
 John W. Kelley, Fish Warden.
 Samuel S. Lovell, Special Police.
 Charles E. Guertin, Special Police.
 Clarence C. Thomas, Special Police.
 Geo. H. Morse, Special Police.
 Horace W. Macomber, Special Police.
 John H. Pushee, Special Police.
 Samuel Hathaway, Special Police.
 Walter H. Fisher, Special Police.
 Homer R. Caswell, Sealer of Weights and measures.
 Daniel F. Wilbur, Police Officer and Dog Officer.
 John H. Wheeler, Special Police.
 William M. Haskins, Overseer of the Poor.
 Henry Emmerson, Special Police.
 Lewis Ritter, Public Weigher.
 Ernest S. Pratt, Public Weigher and Measurer of Wood,
 Bark and Lumber.

ELECTION OFFICERS.

PRECINCT ONE.

Warden, B. J. Allen.
 Deputy Warden, Herbert A. Pratt.
 Clerk, Percy W. Keith.
 Deputy Clerk, Ernest I. Perkins.
 Inspector, Benjamin E. Holmes.
 Deputy Inspector, Charles O. White.
 Teller, Edmund Pratt.
 Deputy Teller, Walter I. Standish.
 Officer, Joseph Carver.

PRECINCT TWO.

Warden, Henry W. Sears.
Deputy Warden, Levi O. Atwood.
Clerk, Chester E. Weston.
Deputy Clerk, Michael J. Cronan.
Inspector, Henry B. Schlueter.
Deputy Inspector, E. T. P. Jenks.
Teller, Ernest M. O'Toole.
Deputy Teller, John J. Mahoney.
Officer, James A. Roberts.

JURY LIST 1916.

John L. Benson, Lumber Dealer, Wareham Street.
 Harry L. Beckwith, Carpenter, Plymouth Street.
 Howard M. Bishop, Woodworker, Smith Street.
 George H. Bailey, Shoeworker, Wood Street.
 Edward H. Blake, Bill Poster, Pearl Street.
 Sylvanus L. Brett, Agent, 11 Rock Street.
 Benjamin W. Caswell, Agent, 15 Pierce Street.
 Walter M. Chipman, Reporter, 12 Arch Street.
 Louis D. Churbuck, Carpenter, School Street
 Abisha T. Clark, Farmer, Marion Road.
 James M. Clark, Retired, Wareham Street.
 Howard A. Cline, Pattern Maker, 273 Center Street.
 Alanson F. Cobb, Shoeworker, Wareham Street.
 Charles F. Cole, Carpenter, 56 So. Main Street.
 A. Freeman Crosby, Merchant, 10 Warren Avenue.
 Edward H. Cromwell, Real Estate Agent, No. 2 High Street.
 Elisha A. Cudworth, Woodworker, Highland Street.
 Nathaniel S. Cuishing, Sawyer, East Street.
 Albert Deane, Poultry Dealer, Soule Street.
 George A. Deane, Peddler, Thompson Street.
 Leonidas Deane, Real Estate Dealer, 63 Oak Street.
 Burton Dinsmore, Electrician, Courtland Street.
 Reginald W. Drake, Insurance, Pierce Street.
 G. Delmar Dunbar, Clerk, Bourne Street.
 Eugene L. Dunham, Shoeworker, 18 Elm Street.
 William Eggar, Merchant, Pearl Street.
 William P. Fessendon, Clerk, Plymouth Street.
 David H. Farra, Merchant, Cottage Court.
 Charles O. Gammons, Farmer, Highland Street.
 George L. Gillis, Clerk, 57 Everett Street.
 Joseph Gibbs, Shoeworker, Tispaquin Street.
 Frederick L. Hammond, Hotel Prop. No. Maine Street.
 Wordsworth H. Harvey, Woodworker, Miller Street.
 Lewis F. Harding, Bookkeeper, Rice Street.
 William M. Haskins, Cranberry Grower, 29 Oak Street.
 Eugene J. Keith, Carpenter, 35 North Street.
 Ralph D. Kelley, Clerk, Pierce Street.
 Michael H. Kelley, Mason, 30 Webster Street.

Percy W. Keith, Insurance Agent, Plymouth Street.
 Orville W. Leonard, Clerk, 63 Oak Street.
 Edward B. Lovell, Agent, 8 Water Street.
 John L. Louipold, Shoeworker, 17 Arch Street.
 Ralph W. Maddigan, Insurance Agent, Star Avenue.
 Eugene H. McCarthy, Shoeworker, 58 Everett Street.
 James McCarthy, Painter, 22 Lovell Street.
 John Merrihew, Woodworker, Smith Street.
 Arthur B. Monroe, Salesman, Pierce Street.
 Ernest M. O'Toole, Merchant, 14 North Street.
 Frank C. Otto, Mill Worker, 56 East Maine Street.
 S. Irving Pickens, Clerk, 27 Rock Street.
 David R. Pierce, Shoemaker, Wareham Street.
 Winifred L. Perkins, Shoeworker, No. Main Street.
 Herbert A. Pratt, Merchant, Pierce Street.
 John H. Pushee, Supt. Almshouse, Alms Street.
 Edward C. Reed, Lumber Dealer, Pine Street.
 William J. Robb, Clerk, 17 Barrows Street.
 Ralph E. Ryder, Carpenter, Plymouth Street.
 Clarence H. Ryder, Carpenter, Highland Street.
 John H. Ryder, Farmer, Highland Street.
 Truman C. Savery, Wood and Lumber Dealer, Plymouth St.
 Edwin F. Shaw, Farmer, Summer Street.
 Benjamin C. Shaw, Lumber Dealer, Rocky Meadow Street.
 George F. Shaw, Farmer, Plymouth Street.
 Patrick Sherlock, Mill Worker, Barrows Street.
 Harrison T. Shurtleff, Board Sawyer, France Street.
 Charles H. Soule, Poultry Dealer, Cedar Street.
 Edwin E. Soule, Lumber Dealer, Cedar Street.
 Arthur H. Standish, Farmer, Thompson Street.
 Ralph Starrett, R. R. Employee, Courtland Street.
 Frank M. Stickney, Paper Box Maker, 53 Forest Street.
 Myron R. Sturgess, Cranberry Grower, Rocky Meadow St.
 John J. Sullivan, Merchant, 219 Center Street.
 Charles W. Swett, Carpenter, Miller Street.
 Charles M. Thatcher, Real Estate Agent, 36 School Street.
 Alfred E. Thomas, Woodworker, Smith Street.
 Frank S. Thomas, Engineer, Wareham Street.
 George L. Thomas, Plumber, 6 Court End Avenue.
 Ichabod B. Thomas, Jr., Shoeworker, 248 Center Street.
 Charles S. Tinkham, Shoeworker, 11 Courtland Street.
 Charles M. Washburn, Lumber Dealer, Plymouth Street.
 John A. Washburn, Mason, 78 Oak Street.
 Charles M. Week, Clerk, Rice Street.
 Albert T. Westgate, Clerk, Miller Street.

Joseph F. Westgate, Telephone Employee, Courtland Street.

Thomas, T. Westgate Woodworker, Miller Street.

Seneca T. Weston, Farmer, France Street.

John H. Wheeler, Clerk, 57 Everett Street.

Charles O. White, Shoemaker, Bourne Street.

George H. Wilbur, Photographer, Plymouth Street.

Harold S. Wood, Assistant Bank Examiner, 9 High Street.

Bourne Wood, Insurance Agent, 14 Elm Street.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

For the year Ending December 31, 1916.

APPROPRIATIONS MADE AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 6, 1916, AND ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 27, 1916, AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD JUNE 27, 1916.

Support of Schools:—

Instruction, including Superintendent's salary and traveling expenses of \$2,200	\$32,200 .00	
Janitor's Salaries	2,600 .00	
Fuel	2,100 .00	
Books, Supplies and Printing	2,400 .00	
Tuition	52 .00	
Office Rent	500 .00	
Water Bills	250 .00	
School Physician	300 .00	
School Committee	150 .00	
Transportation	3,200 .00	
Repairs	1,200 .00	
Sundries	850 .00	
Special Building Committee	500 .00	
Repairs—Special	475 .00	
Total	\$46,777 .00	
Less estimated Income	4,802 .00	
		\$41,975 .00
Support of Poor, including salaries of Overseers of \$500		\$8,500 .00
Soldiers' Relief, including overdraft of \$934 .88		2,000 .00
Military Aid		324 .00

Town Officers:—

Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector	\$1,200.00	
Assessors	1,100.00	
Selectmen	800.00	
Registrars, Election and Caucus Officers	450.00	
Inspector of Animals	200.00	
Auditor	200.00	
Dog Officer	175.00	
Appropriation Committee	70.00	
Inspector of Wires	75.00	
Moderator	20.00	
Overdraft	17.33	
	<hr/>	\$4,307.33

Town Officers' Expenses:—

Assessors, including horse hire, clerical help etc.	\$500.00	
Clerical help for Town Clerk, Treasurer and Collector	350.00	
Clerical help for Selectmen	150.00	
Selectmen, Registrars, Election and Caucus Officers	175.00	
Overdraft	62.41	
	<hr/>	\$1,237.41

Incidentals, including expense of Forest Fires \$2,500.00

Town Debt:—

Macadam Highway Loan due December 1, 1916	\$1,600.00	
School House Loan due November 1, 1916	1,650.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,250.00

Police Department:—

Salary of Chief	\$1,000.00
Salary of Patrolman	900.00
Salary of Patrolman	850.00
Extra Officers, Vacation Fund and Sick Fund	759.00
Police Station Expenses	610.00
All other expenses	678.14

Total	<hr/>	\$4,797.14
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Less estimated receipts, including \$300 from County for rent of Court Room, balance on hand of \$101.17 and balance of (\$345.97) to credit of Fourth District Court which the Committee recommend be transferred to Police Account		\$747.14	
			\$4,050.00
Pension for Retired Employee			281.32
Middleborough District Nurse Association			300.00
Band Concerts			200.00
Town Hall for Repairs in addition to money received from in- surance			2,500.00
Middleborough Public Library, in addition to amount of Dog Licenses and other Licenses which the Committee recom- mend be voted for use of the Library			300.00
Middleborough Gas and Electric Plant:— (Appropriation in form required by Act of 1905)			
Estimated Operating Expenses	\$25,500.00		
Interest required	2,020.00		
Notes and Bonds due	3,500.00		
Depreciation, 3% on cost of Plant (\$176,851.67)	5,305.55		
Total	\$36,325.55		
Less estimated income	29,325.55		
			\$7,000.00
Board of Health:—			
Salaries of Board	\$300.00		
Inspection of Slaughtering	300.00		
Inspection of Milk	100.00		
Inspection of Plumbing	100.00		
Collection of Rubbish	300.00		
Burning rubbish and care of dump	150.00		
Physicians to care for contagious cases	75.00		
All other expenses, with the pro- vision that no part of this			

amount be expended for services of any member of the Board	\$1,575 .00	
		\$2,900 .00
Street Sprinkling—Equal amount to be assessed on abutters		\$1,750 .00
Suppression of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths:—		
Town Liability	\$1,984 .82	
Two additional Sprayers—one-half cost of same	250 .00	
		\$2,234 .82
Tree Warden's Department, including salary of Tree Warden		\$750 .00
E. W. Piece Post No. 8 G. A. R. for Memorial Day		\$200 .00
Interest, in addition to receipts		\$1,500 .00
Sealer of Weights and Measurer, including salary of \$250	\$350 .00	
Less Estimated Receipts	100 .00	
		\$250 .00
Highway Department:—		
Superintendent's Salary	\$1,500 .00	
Clearing of Snow	1,250 .00	
Sidewalks, with the provision that \$400 be expended in South Middleborough	2,900 .00	
Bridges, on condition that an equal amount is voted by the Town of Bridgewater	450 .00	
Repairs on Center Street between Taunton Road and Purchase Street	750 .00	
Maintenance of Plant	800 .00	
Sewers	500 .00	
Drainage	500 .00	
Water Bills	1,230 .00	
Plymouth Street Macadam, account overdraft, an additional amount estimated at \$700 to be paid by Massachusetts Highway Commission	1,500 .00	
Village District, including \$1,000 for repairs to Center Street from Everett Square east	5,000 .00	

Outside Districts	4,750.00	
Total	<u>\$21,130.00</u>	
Less estimated Receipts from Ex- cise Taxes and Street Rail- way Corporation Tax to be applied to appropriations for Maintenance of Public Ways in the Village and Outside Districts	4,650.00	
	<u> </u>	\$16,480.00
Middleborough Fire District, bill for fighting fires outside the District to January 1, 1916		\$104.00
Reserve Fund, as provided by Chap- ter 645 of the Acts of 1913:— “No direct drafts against this fund shall be made, but trans- fers from the fund may from time to time be voted by the finance committee or appro- priation committee of the town and the auditor shall make such transfers accordingly.		
The Town Treasurer shall honor drafts against the fund so trans- ferred.”		\$400.00
Total Appropriations		<u>\$105,293.88</u>
Less Corporation and Bank Tax estimated		6,382.12
		<u>\$98,911.96</u>
Less amount assumed by Peirce Trustees to reduce tax rate		5,000.00
To be raised by Tax		<u>\$93,911.76</u>
Voted by Town		\$93,911.76
State Tax		9,920.00
State Highway Tax		2,490.00
County Tax		7,024.99
Overlay		1,931.47
		<u>115,278.22</u>

Assessed on 2440 Polls		\$4,880.00
Assessed on Personal Property		24,012.50
Assessed on Real Estate		86,385.72
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		\$115,278.22
Number of Polls assessed, 2440		
Value of Buildings, excluding Land		\$2,546,305.00
Value of Land, excluding Buildings		1,509,295.00
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		\$4,055,600.00
Value of Personal Estate		1,127,325.00
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		\$5,182,925.00
Persons, Firms, etc., Assessed on		
Property		1,946
Residents	1,591	
Non-Residents	355	
Persons Assessed for Poll Tax only		1,421
Number of Horses Assessed		581
Number of Cows Assessed		624
Number of Swine Assessed		44
Number of Sheep Assessed		3
Number of Neat Cattle other than Cows Assessed		180
Number of Fowl Assessed		7,730
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed		1,820
Number of Acres of Land Assessed		40,226
Population of Town		8,200
Taxes remitted in 1916 have been as follows:—		
On account 1913 Assessments		\$2.76
On account 1914 Assessments		588.53
On account 1915 Assessments		491.49
On account 1916 Assessments		924.77
Tax Rate \$21.30 on \$1,000.		

ALBERT T. SAVERY,
BENJAMIN C. SHAW,

Assessors of Middleborough.

REPORT OF FISH WARDENS.

Received from Town of Dighton	\$40.00	
“ “ “ “ Somerset	40.00	
“ “ “ “ Raynham	40.00	
“ “ “ “ Freetown	20.00	
“ “ “ “ Berkley	40.00	
Received of the City of Taunton	60.00	
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	\$240.00	
Overdraft, 1915	158.32	
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		\$81.68
Orders drawn		222.60
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Overdraft, 1916		\$140.92

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1916.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1916	\$419.62	
Appropriation from Town	8,500.00	
Received from other Towns	708.90	
for Outside Poor		
Received from State for Outside Poor	61.93	
Received from State Boarders at Farm	52.00	
Received from Boarders at Farm	265.40	
Received from Telephone Tolls	9.80	
Received from Work with Team	11.00	
Received from Sale of Milk	1,634.10	
Received from Sale of Vegetables		
and Eggs	247.00	
Received from Sale of Apples	24.60	
Received from Sale of Swine	71.75	
Received from Sale of Hay	155.10	
Received from Sale of Stock	84.50	
		\$12,245.70

EXPENSES.

Paid Expenses of Town Farm	\$4,544.69	
Paid Salary of Superintendent and		
Matron	900.00	
Paid on Account of Salary of Overseers of Poor	273.75	
Paid Salary of Town Physician	200.00	
Outside Poor, 30 Families of 89 persons	2,750.15	
Residing elsewhere with settlement here, 18 Families of 75 Persons	2,027.58	
Residing here with settlements elsewhere, 18 Families of 44 Persons	879.99	
		\$11,576.16

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Expenses of Overseers of Poor, for cases out of Town, Postage and Stationary	\$32.00
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Expenses for Telephones	55.36	
Expenses for Burials	35.00	
Expenses for Insurance	546.13	
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		\$668.49
		11,576.16
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		\$12,244.65
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1917		\$1.05
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		\$12,245.70
Number of Inmates at Farm, Jan. 1, 1916		12
Number admitted during the year		11
Number discharged during the year		11
Number died during the year		2
Number remaining Jan. 1, 1917		10

VALUATION.

90 Acres, Farm and Buildings	\$23,500.00
3 Wood Lots, 51 Acres	950.00
Live Stock, including 2 horses, 12 cows, 1 bull, 6 hogs, 80 fowl	1,654.00
Hay and Produce	1,465.10
Groceries, Meat, etc.	105.00
Furniture	860.00
Implements, Tools and Harnesses	310.50
Wagons, etc.	428.00
Refrigerator	100.00
Dressing, Coal, Wood and Lumber	343.50
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	\$29,716.10

A PARTIAL LIST OF PRODUCE RAISED AT THE
FARM DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Hay, 35 tons	Potatoes, 130 bushels
Corn Fodder, 8 tons	Onions, 6 bushels
Rye Straw, 1½ tons	Beans, 7 bushels
Oat Straw, 4 tons	Peas, 20 bushels
Lucerne, 50 tons	Beets, 2 bushels
Corn, 100 bushels	Cabbages, 1,200 pounds
Rye, 6 bushels	Apples, 20 barrels
Carrots, 8 bushels	Eggs, 250 dozens
Turnips, 60 bushels	Milk, 7,700 gallons
Mangels, 56 bushels	

The Total Receipts from the Farm Account, \$2,555.25, includes \$317.40 received from Boarders at the Farm.

The expense of carrying on the Farm has been less than last year, also the expense of maintaining the house, due principally to a large number of unpaid bills that were carried over to 1917, preferring to do so rather than overdraw the appropriation.

The Farm did not make as good a showing this year as in previous years, owing to the same cause that affected all farms in this part of the country, that of the very bad weather conditions.

In making our request for appropriation last spring, the item of nearly \$600 for insurance coming due in the Fall, was overlooked, the building of a silo had not been contemplated at that time, and two or three very large bills coming in from other towns, which we never had before, and never will have again, owing to a new law becoming effective last August, whereby persons being absent from their town of settlement five years lose their settlement. These several items have made our expenses more than usual, necessitating a large overdraw or carrying bills over into 1917. The only expense incurred at the Farm above the regular running expenses of maintenance has been the building of the silo, at a cost of about \$350.00, which we believe is needed at just such a farm as ours, and will prove to be a source of income and saving.

Mr. Edwin F. Witham has been unable to serve as chairman of the Board this year on account of illness. In August his resignation was presented to the town, who felt obliged to accept it, thereby losing a very valuable man and one who was universally liked and respected. Mr. William M. Haskins was immediately appointed as Mr. Witham's successor. The Town is fortunate in securing Mr. Haskins, for with the large experience he has had in a somewhat similar line and the interest he has taken in our work, he cannot but prove to be the right man in the right place.

We wish to thank the Charitable Societies and all individuals who have so generously responded to the calls for aid and who have undoubtedly assisted some worthy people who otherwise might have become dependents upon the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLERTON THOMPSON,
CHARLES M. THATCHER,
WILLIAM M. HASKINS,
Overseers of the Poor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Middleborough, Mass., Jan. 20, 1917.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—

I have the honor to respectfully submit to you the eighth annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1916.

ORGANIZATION.

Louis Hathaway, Chief.

PATROLMEN.

Frank W. Hastay	Richard Warme	Clarence E. Thomas
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Constables.

F. Herbert Batchelder
William Chamberlain
Louis Hathaway
Frank W. Hastay
George H. Morse
Charles M. Thatcher
Icabod B. Thomas
Fred C. Sparrow
E. Kimbal Harrison

Special Police.

Fred H. Deane
Walter Fisher
Charles E. Guertain
Samuel Hathaway
Samuel S. Lovell
Horace Leach
John H. Pushee
Clarence E. Thomas
John H. Wheeler

BUSINESS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Total number of arrests	204
Males	188
Females	16
Minors	14
Residents	147
Non-Residents	57
Arrests for other towns	7

Summonses served for other towns	5
Number of Fines imposed	45
Amount of Fines imposed	\$675.00
Amount of Fines paid	\$605.00
Appealed cases	3
Complaints dismissed	4
Continued cases	3
Discharged	12
Released without arraignment	29
Placed on file	64
Probation	6
Taunton Insane Hospital	1
State Farm	2
House of Correction	10
Sherburn Prison	1
Lancaster School for girls	4
Held for Grand Jury	8
Waiting trial	2

ARRESTS BY MONTHS.

	Males	Females	Total
January	11	—	11
February	13	—	13
March	10	2	12
April	16	5	21
May	17	2	19
June	23	1	24
July	21	3	24
August	24	—	24
September	21	—	24
October	11	2	13
November	17	—	17
December	4	1	5
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OFFENCES.

	Males	Females	Total
Arson	1	—	1
Assault	1	—	1
Assault on Officer	1	—	1
Assault and Battery	5	2	7
Board of Health violation	4	—	4

Bicycle riding on sidewalk	2	—	2
Carrying revolver without permit	1	—	1
Disturbing the peace	5	—	5
Delinquent child	1	6	7
Default	2	—	2
Disorderly House	1	—	1
Drunk	100	1	101
Firearms without permit	1	—	1
Gaming on Lords Day	3	—	3
Present at Gaming	1	—	1
Homicide	1	—	1
Idle and Disorderly	2	1	3
Junk Law violation	1	—	1
Larceny	7	1	8
Lewd and Lascivious	1	1	2
Liquor Law violation	6	0	6
Malicious Mischief	2	0	2
Motor Vehicle Law violations	24	1	25
Non Support	2	—	2
Neglect of children	1	1	2
Neglected children	2	1	3
Peddling without license	—	1	1
Statutory Rape	6	—	6
Trespass	1	—	1
Vehicles without lights	1	—	1
Vagrancy	1	—	1
Violation Sunday law	1	—	1
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Runaway Children apprehended and returned to parent or guardian	3
Motor Vehicle accidents reported and investigated	18
Nights lodging given	17

PATROLMEN'S REPORT.

BEAT No. 1 OR (CENTER).

Buildings found unlocked and secured by officer	136
Arc Lights reported not burning	9
Incandescent St. Lights not burning	1
Night lights reported not burning in stores	30
Night lights reported not burning in Banks	3
Lights left burning in stores and other buildings	94

Leaks in water pipes reported	3
Defects in street discovered by officer and reported	6
Broken water mains reported	2
Fires discovered and alarm given	1
Complaints investigated and settled without arrest	6

BEAT NO. 2 OR (WEST END).

Buildings found unlocked and secured by office	27
Arc Lights reported not burning	24
Incandescent Street lights not burning	21
Lights out in tunnel at Center St. bridge	5
Night lights not burning in stores	33
Fire discovered and alarm given	1
Wires down and reported by officer	3
Complaints investigated and settled without arrest	6
Lost children picked up and returned to parents	1

I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen and all others that assisted me in the performance of my duties in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS HATHAWAY,
Chief of Police.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT.

For the year, Jan. 1, to Dec. 31, 1916

Louis Hathaway, Chief of Police	\$1,083.29
Frank W. Hastay, Patrol Duty	914.85
Richard Warne, Patrol Duty	874.12
Clarence E. Thomas, Patrol Duty	464.59
Charles M. Thatcher, Patrol Duty	115.59
William Chamberlain, Patrol Duty	40.85
Chas. M. Guertain, Patrol Duty	35.64
Fred M. Deane, Patrol Duty	16.68
Fred C. Sparrow, Police Duty	8.00
I. B. Thomas, Police Duty	7.95
Geo. H. Morse, Police Duty	4.90
Samuel Hathaway, Police Duty	2.40

Samuel Lovell, Police Duty	1.50
Horace Leach, Police Duty	1.50
James L. Jenny Est., Coal	115.28
Southern Mass. Tel & Tel. Co.	81.14
Central Baptist Society, Rent	300.00
Midd. Gas & Electric Light Co.	47.86
E. H. Blake, Repairs	2.75
Ernest Stewart, Auto Hire	10.00
Standard Oil Co., Supplies	2.00
Maxim Motor Co., Auto Hire	5.00
Louis Hathaway, Care of Heater	61.60
Jas. R. Wood, Agency, Special Work	132.05
Glochester Sign Co., Two silent Policemen	10.50
Thomas Phinney, Mowing Lawn	7.75
J. V. Sullivan, Prosecution	35.00
Fred N. Whitman, Supplies	4.78
Louis Hathaway, Expenses (covering Fire Alarm Boxes) July 4, 1916	39.00
Frank W. Hastay, Janitor work and care of Lockup	77.82
Richard Warme, Janitor work and care of Lockup	15.83
Geo. Doane, Supplies	1.27
Pierce Hardware Co., Supplies	3.48
The Ray Co. Inc.	125.35
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	\$4,650.32

Receipts:—

Fourth District Court, Rent	\$300.00	
Batchelder & Snyder	7.50	
Use of Telephone	3.76	
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Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1916	\$101.17	
From Fourth District Court	345.97	
Appropriation	\$4,050.00	
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	\$4,808.40	
Balance on hand		\$158.08
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	\$4,808.40	\$4,808.40
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1917	\$158.08	

Respectfully submitted by

LOUIS HATHAWAY,

Chief of Police

ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

ORGANIZATION.

The Board of Health organized for 1916.

Dr. F. A. Robinson,	Chairman.
J. H. Wheeler,	Secretary and Health Officer.
J. J. Pearson,	Other Member.
J. H. Wheeler,	Inspector of Slaughtering.
Dr. F. A. Robinson,	Inspector of Milk.
Geo. Benn,	Inspector of Plumbing.
Orville Walker,	Deputy Inspector of Plumbing.

The Regular Meeting of the Board is held on the first Monday of each month at 7.30 P. M. in the office of the Board of Health Town House. Special Meetings are called by the Chairman when necessary. Office hours each weekday from 7 to 8 P. M. Office hours of the Inspector of Plumbing each Monday and Thursday Evenings from 7 to 8 P. M. Clinic each Wednesday Evening from 7 to 9 P. M.

Mr. Benn, resigned as Inspector of Plumbing April 1, 1916, and Mr. Orville Walker was appointed to fill the vacancy, and Mr. Henry Wilcox was appointed as Deputy Inspector of Plumbing.

RUBBISH.

The collection and disposal of rubbish was very satisfactory during 1916. The Board of Health closed the dump on Centre Street and established a dump on East Grove Street. The Town appropriated \$150.00 at the Annual Town Meeting in March to pay for the care and burning of the dump, and the Board of Health made a regulation requiring the dump be burned as the rubbish was deposited upon it, thereby preventing the paper from blowing about the streets, and adjoining property, and destroying the rodents which infect public dumps in vast numbers, and eliminating the foul odors that arise from public dumps.

GARBAGE.

The collection of Garbage has always caused the Board of Health a great deal of trouble. During the last year there were an unusual number of complaints regarding its collection. Partly owing to Mr. Duboise declining to continue in the business of collecting, and the Board's being compelled to get another man to do the collecting who was not prepared to collect the garbage as fast as it was made by the householders, and partly owing to the carelessness of the citizens in not furnishing suitable containers to keep the garbage in. A great many of the families put the garbage in a small box or pail without any cover to protect the contents from flies or from prowling dogs and cats, which scatter the contents about the premises. Would suggest that each citizen furnish a good garbage can with cover, and capacity large enough to store the garbage made by the family for three or four days, and there will be less trouble.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

There were a very large number of cases of Chicken-pox, Whooping-cough, and Measles, during 1916, attaining almost the proportions of an epidemic. The Diseases mentioned are preventable if the Board of Health could have the co-operation of the parents in reporting all sickness in their family to the board, and by keeping any of their children who seem indisposed from mingling with other children, until a physician has been called.

The following is a list of reportable diseases reported during 1916.

Name of Disease	No. of Cases
Chicken-pox	67
Whooping Cough	47
Measles	99
Tuberculosis	22
Typhoid-Fever	6
Ophthalmic Neonatorium	3
Scarlet-Fever	6
Diphtheria	5
Mumps	2
Poliomyelitis	3

Total number of cases

260

There was 10 fatal cases which were as follows:

Name of Disease	No. of Deaths.
Tuberculosis	7
Diphtheria	1
Whooping Cough	1
Typhoid-Fever	1
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Total number of deaths	10

INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTERING.

At the annual Town meeting in March the Town appropriated \$300.00 for the inspection of slaughtering, said amount having been suggested by the Board of Health for that purpose. Later the Board of Health learned that they could not get any person competent to do the inspecting who would accept the position for the amount appropriated, therefore one of the board attended to the inspecting of slaughtering until compelled to give it up by the State Department of Health, who claimed that it was illegal for a member of the Board of Health to hold the position of inspection of slaughtering. The Board of Health persuaded Mr. Pushee, to accept the position for the balance of the year.

There were three licensed butchers in Middleboro, in 1916, and they slaughtered the following named animals.

Neat Cattle	202
Swine	362
Veals	384
Sheep	2
Goat	1
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Total number animals slaughtered	951

No. Animals	Cause	Disposal.
Condemmed		
3 Hogs	Generalized Tuberculosis	Rendered.
1 Hog	Hog Cholera	Buried.
1 Hog	Urticaria	Buried.
3 Neat Cattle	Generalized Tuberculosis	Rendered.
1 Veal	Immature	Boiled for Pouly
Total number of Animals condemned, 9.		

Respectfully submitted by,
 J. H. WHEELER,
Inspector of Slaughtering.

INSPECTION OF PLUMBING.

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen: As directed by the public statues, herewith I present my report from May 1, to December 31, 1916. There have been filed during that time 78 applications. Permits for all of the work specialized have been issued and all of the work has been done in a proper manner or is in progress of construction.

WORK DONE IN NEW BUILDINGS.

No. of New Buildings connected with sewer	3
New Buildings connected with Cesspool	12
Water Closets	16
Wash Bowls	13
Bath Tubs	15
Sinks	19
Wash Trays	7
Floor Drainer	1

WORK DONE ON OLD BUILDINGS.

Old Buildings connected with Sewer	12
Old Buildings connected with Cesspool	7
Water Closets	57
Sinks	38
Wash Bowls	27
Bath Tubs	22
Wash Trays	4
Floor Drainers	5
Urinals	2
Glass Washers	1
Sales	4

Number of permits granted 78; Water tests applied 57; extra tests for defective work 5; and other inspections of work 161.

Respectfully submitted,

ORVILLE WALKER,

Inspector of Plumbing.

REPORT OF THE TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC.

By the suggestion of the Doctors' Club of Middleboro, and with the cooperation of the Cabot Club and the District Nursing Association, this Board has undertaken an active campaign against tuberculosis. With the conviction that there were many known cases of consumption in the town, which were not receiving proper treatment, and many other cases not yet recognized, but which might be saved if identified and given a chance, arrangements were made by the Board for the free examination of any inhabitant of Middleboro who for any reason wished to have his lungs examined.

On April 4, 1916, a free clinic was opened at the office of the Board of Health, and with the exception of two months (July and August) was continued on Wednesday evenings from seven to nine o'clock.

Chest examinations of all applicants are made without charge by the physicians of the State Sanatorium, who volunteer their services, with the results shown in the table below.

	Men	Women	Children	Total
Incipient	0	1	2	3
Moderately advanced	3	5	0	8
Advanced	2	0	0	2
Suspicious	8	9	1	18
Non T. B.	25	8	3	36
Arrested	4	1	0	5
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Total Examined	42	24	6	72
Re-examinations				18

All the physicians of the town refer cases to the clinic, and positive or suspicious cases are visited in their homes by the District Nurse.

Doubtful cases are urged to return to the clinic periodically for reexamination and those in need of active treatment are assisted in obtaining it.

A serious problem arises when infectious cases which are a menace to others refuse to take treatment or to be segregated to the satisfaction of the Board.

It should be noted that of the total number examined, 13, or 18%, were positive cases, the greater part having passed the incipient stage. Timely advice to the incipient or suspicious cases saves many lives, and it is hoped that the town's people will appreciate the value of this clinic, and encourage those who are in doubt concerning the condition of their lungs to use it freely.

FINANCIAL.

Balance Jan. 1, 1916.	\$214.17
Appropriation, 1916	2,900.00
Receipts	84.85

 Total Receipts

\$3,199.02

EXPENDITURES.

J. H. Wheeler	\$618.48
F. A. Robinson	292.50
J. J. Pearson	70.19
A. M. Peckham	60.03
C. L. Shaw	66.20
Lorenzo Wood	21.28
W. L. Soule	16.62
Orville Walker	49.31
Sumner Redlon	24.00
Mrs. Mary Boudreau	20.00
Maxim Motor Co.	64.00
N. E. Tel. Co.	43.62
Bailey's Garage	59.63
Trustees Public Library	3.87
H. L. Thachert & Co.	14.00
H. Wilcox	17.90
Horace Leach	159.00
Nemasket Auto Co.	2.00
Chas. M. Thatcher	88.02
I. B. Thomas	98.08
J. Mally	1.00
C. B. Dolge Co.	38.61
E. Atkinson	20.00
Miss Getchel	10.00
Whitcomb & Owens	.84
F. A. Shockley	1.10
Westfield Sanatorium	72.57
Hobbs & Warren	7.06
T. W. Peirce Co.	30.85
C. L. Hathaway & Co.	7.80
F. N. Whitman	6.80
General Fireproofing Co.	13.10
Rutland Sanatorium	169.30
Enterprise Laundry	.89
Middleboro District Nurses Association	16.00

Sears Lumber Co.	2.77	
Lucas & Thomas	.60	
William Egger	1.70	
Wright & Potter	2.29	
Ward & Co.	1.65	
Library Bureau	14.84	
Geo. Benn	25.00	
A. S. Tallman	2.00	
Charlotte Wilbur	51.85	
A. A. Sisson	313.00	
Mrs. Evan Macintosh	152.45	
Jas. P. McCarthy	26.00	
Mass. Homeopathic Hospital	50.50	
J. V. Sullivan	23.75	
J. H. Burkhead	35.50	
Bryant & Soule	26.93	
A. L. Champlain	19.21	
Town of Middleboro	5.00	
Mathew Cushing	5.00	
C. S. Millerd	8.00	
Brockton, Health Dept.	31.50	
John McGrady	1.00	
Geo. E. Bolling	5.00	
J. C. Boynton & Son	1.00	
William Bumpus	5.30	
Dr. T. S. Hodgson	79.75	
E. K. Harrison	1.00	
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Total		\$3,058.86
Balance	\$140.16	

Respectfully submitted,

DR. F. A. ROBINSON,
J. J. PEARSON,
J. H. WHEELER,

Board of Health Middleboro.

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

For the Year Ending December 31. 1917.

Received cash as follows:—

On account 1913 Assessments:—

Tow Taxes	\$676.60	
Street Watering	9.94	
Moths	4.41	
	<hr/>	\$690.95

On account 1914 Assessments:—

Town Taxes	\$8,318.80	
Street Watering	54.85	
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On account 1915 Assessments:—

Town Taxes	\$10,637.41	
Street Watering	78.20	
Moths	54.16	
	<hr/>	\$10,769.77

On account 1916 Assessments:—

Town Taxes	\$94,376.69	
Street Watering	1,289.27	
Moths	789.72	
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Bay State Street Railway Co., Excise Tax	1,788.99
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New Bedford & Onset Street Rail- way Co., Excise Tax	713.45
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East Taunton Street Railway Co., Excise Tax	206.18
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Interest:—

Account Tax Collections	\$1,466.06	
On Daily Bank balances	97.72	
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Total amount paid over to Town
Treasurer during the year \$120,562.45

Abatements for the year have been as follows:—

On account 1913 Assessments	\$2.76	
On account 1914 Assessments	588.53	
On account 1915 Assessments	491.49	
On account 1916 Assessments	924.77	
Total	<hr/>	\$2,007.55

Taxes due are as follows:—

On account 1913 Assessments	\$55.00	
On account 1914 Assessments	754.41	
On account 1915 Assessments	12,928.42	
On account 1916 Assessments	21,766.72	
Total	<hr/>	\$35,504.55

Respectfully submitted

ALBERT A. THOMAS,

Collector.

REPORT OF FOREST WARDEN.

			Cost
April	9th,	Fire on Taunton Road	\$1.00
"	16th,	" " Plymouth St. on the Egar Place	4.30
"	30th,	" " Cross St.	4.30
May	1st,	" " Brailey Field	1.50
"	9th,	" " Plymouth St.	4.20
"	11th,	" " Plymouth St.	1.20
"	11th,	"* " Plymouth St.	12.40
"	12th,	" " White Hill	11.60
"	12th,	" " White Hill	4.40
"	12th,	" " White Hill	6.00
"	12th,	" " Clay St.	8.00
"	13th,	" " Murdock St.	4.00
"	13th,	" " Bulleye Crossing	1.20
"	13th,	" " Cherry St.	18.20
"	14th,	" " Centre and Bedford St.	11.81
"	14th,	" " Bedford St.	7.95
"	22nd	" " Murdock St.	11.90
Oct.	8th,	" " East Grove St.	1.50
"	17th,	" " Plymouth St.	3.50
"	27th,	" " Plymouth St.	1.50
"	28th,	" " Plymouth St.	5.60
"	28th,	" " Plymouth St.	2.90
Nov.	27th,	" " Plymouth St.	11.80
Total Cost of Fires for 1916			\$113.56
Charge to the Railroad			\$80.40
Amount chargeable to incidentals			33.16
In addition to this cost, cost of chemicals			13.60
Cost of maintenance of truck and driver			112.00
Making a total cost of the incidental account for fire			\$158.70

In addition to the fires recorded the Forest Warden investigated 39 fires with out any additional expense to the town. A large part of the success of keeping down the fires and having such a small fire expense is due to our tower-man and his watchful care. I don't believe the majority of our tax payers in Middleboro appreciate what it means to

them and the town to have this tower and the watchful care taker who guards their interest. If the warden's department could have in the station twelve more fire extinguishers and each deputy warden could have three extinguishers it would mean a great saving to the town. The Forest Warden takes this time thanking the residents of the town of Middleboro for their cooperation in the prevention of fires and hopes the same consideration in the year to come. I also thank all my deputies for their faithful care and cooperation.

Forest Warden in 1916 issued 416 permits showing how well the citizens of the town of Middleboro try to apply them to the fire laws of the state of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CONNOR,

Forest Warden of the Town of Middleboro.

MOTH DEPARTMENT.

Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Moth Department work the past season has been carried along on the same lines as the previous year, in cleaning up roadsides, which approximately eight miles have been thinned this year.

With a large amount of spraying ten tons of Arsenate of Lead being used.

The season was very unfavorable for spraying on account of the very wet weather.

We will continue as on the past season.

Respectfully submitted,

LINAM CHUTE,

Local Supt. of Moth Department.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Middleboro:

APPROPRIATIONS.

Superintendent's salary	\$1,500.00	
Clearing snow	1,250.00	
Sidewalks	2,900.00	
Bridges	450.00	
Taunton St.	750.00	
Maintenance of plant	800.00	
Sewer and drainage	1,000.00	
Water bills running back to 1913	1,230.00	
Plymouth St. account	1,500.00	
Village account	5,000.00	
Out side	4,750.00	
Making a total appropriation of	<hr/>	\$22,880.00

Payments by the Town Treasurer by orders of the Selectmen for the Highway Department.

Bridge account	\$328.35	
Carmel St. account	277.70	
Plymouth St.	394.50	
Maintenance of plant	3,836.94	
Out side district	5,416.70	
Clearing snow	2,232.54	
Stone account	172.64	
Superintendent's salary, 13 months	1,625.00	
Village account	7,462.91	
Water supply	1,106.79	
Sewer and drainage	1,557.40	
Sidewalks	4,795.70	
Street sprinkling	3,112.94	
Total	<hr/>	\$32,320.11

In addition to the appropriations we had on the street prinkling account \$1,622.78 which was assessed on the abutters.

We also had \$1,000 from the Pierce trustees applied to the Sidewalk account. The highway department has earned and returned to the town treasurer the following amount:

Mass. Highway Commission	\$218.25	
Transfer from Reserve Fund	599.43	
	<hr/>	\$817.68

ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE OF PLANT.

W. H. Connor, Supt., town teams	\$3,218.95	
Barrett Mfg. Co.	2.62	
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ACCOUNT OUTSIDE HIGHWAY.

W. H. Connor, Supt., refund account		
freight	67.26	
N. B. & O. St. Rwy. Co.	81.00	
Henry A. Wyman	60.00	
	<hr/>	\$208.26

ACCOUNT CLEARING SNOW.

Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$886.74	
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ACCOUNT STONE.

Bay State St. Rwy. Co.	\$87.50	
Edward H. Cromwell	4.20	
John R. McGrady	3.75	
	<hr/>	\$95.45

Date	Items	Debits	Credits	Balance
HIGHWAY PYYMOUTH ST.				
Jan. 1, 1916	Balance			\$1,923.18
	Jan.	\$36.28		1,959.46
	April	149.38		2,108.84
	Appropriation		\$1,500.00	608.84
	May	208.84	218.25	599.43
	Reserve Fund		599.43	000.00

Dec. 31, 1916

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Jan. 1, 1916	Balance		410.30
	Jan.	\$259.45	\$153.83
	Feb.	309.92	250.58
	Mar.	144.59	281.94
	April	461.93	177.09
	Appropriation		800.00
	May	329.39	317.85
	June	266.36	263.35
	July	326.15	308.41
	Aug.	532.84	368.29
	Sept.	595.76	320.68
	Oct.	434.35	352.23
	Nov.	146.99	192.33
Dec. 31, 1916		29.21	234.99

HIGHWAY OUTSIDE DISTRICT

Jan. 1, 1916	Balance		\$320.95
	Jan.	\$136.35	457.30
	Feb.	26.00	483.30
	Mar.	3.40	486.70
	April	263.00	749.70
	App. Centre		
	St.—No.		
	Appropriation	4,750.00	4,750.30
	May	1,331.62	3,418.68
	June	1,734.39	67.26
	Village		
	steam roller	370.00	1,383.55
	July	796.48	587.07
	Aug.	601.80	14.73
	Sept.	155.66	170.39
	Oct.		141.00
Dec. 31, 1916			29.39

HIGHWAY CLEARING SNOW

Jan. 1, 1916	Balance		95.80
	Jan.	190.17	94.37
	Feb.	424.22	518.59
	Mar.	689.03	1,207.62

	April	379.87		1,587.59
	Appropriation		1,250.00	337.59
	Nov.	10.50		348.09
	Dec.	538.65	337.59	
	Reserve Fund		549.15	
Dec. 31, 1916				000.00

HIGHWAY STONE ACCOUNT

Jan. 1, 1916	Balance			87.14
	Mar.		87.50	174.64
	April	10.54	4.20	168.30
	Sept.	70.67	3.75	101.38
	Nov.	91.43		9.95

HIGHWAY BRIDGE DEPT.

Jan. 1, 1916	Balance			94.71
	Mar.	22.01		72.70
	April	185.96		113.26
	Appropriation		450.00	336.74
	May			309.24
	July			277.49
	Sept.			249.86
	Nov.			229.86
Dec. 31, 1916				216.36

HIGHWAY SIDEWALK

Jan. 1, 1916	Balance			\$139.51
	Jan.	\$162.43		301.94
	Feb.	66.51		368.45
	Mar.	99.04		467.49
	April	378.76		846.25
	Appropriation		\$2,500.00	2,053.75
	So. Middleboro		400.00	2,053.75
	May	554.39	00.40	1,499.76
	June	292.70	207.02	1,414.08
	July	103.62		1,310.46
	Aug.	431.33		879.13
	Sept.	999.65	112.45	8.07
	Oct.	614.80	63.14	559.73
	Nov.	538.10	245.90	851.93
Dec. 31, 1916		554.37	1,554.71	148.41

HIGHWAY STREET SPRINKLING

Jan. 1, 1916	Balance		205.73
	April	264.96	470.69
	Appropriation	1,750.00	1,279.31
	Like amount		
	Assessed on abutters		
	May	507.92	771.39
	June	57.01	714.38
	July	55.97	658.41
	Aug.	539.30	119.11
	Sept.	1,194.94	546.95
	Nov.	492.85	54.11
Dec. 31, 1916			

HIGHWAY SUPT. SALARY

Jan. 1, 1916	Balance		272.00
	Jan.	250.00	22.00
	Feb.	125.00	103.00
	Mar.	125.00	228.00
	April	125.00	352.00
	Appropriation	1,500.00	1,147.00
	May	125.00	1,022.00
	June	125.00	897.00
	July	125.00	772.00
	Aug.	125.00	647.00
	Sept.	125.00	522.00
	Oct.	125.00	397.00
	Nov.	125.00	272.00
Dec. 31, 1916		125.00	147.00

VILLAGE HIGHWAY

Jan. 1, 1916	Balance		
	Jan.	\$735.62	\$50.00
	Feb.	424.22	90.33
	Mar.	463.03	5.25
	April	741.25	44.23
	Appropriation		4,000.00
	Centre St.		1,000.00
	May	565.61	10.00
	June	1,120.40	12.40
	From outside		
	Steam roller		370.00

	July	837.10	493.87	1,078.96
	Aug.	537.10	406.20	948.06
	Sept.	711.55	74.10	310.61
	Oct.	392.05	611.01	529.57
	Nov.	520.34	298.40	307.63
Dec. 31, 1916	Dec.	414.74	647.89	540.78

HIGHWAY WATER SUPPLY

Jan. 1, 1916	Mar.	588.49		588.49
	Appropriation		1,230.00	641.51
	May	23.54		617.97
	Oct.	344.76		273.21
	Nov.	150.00		123.21

HIGHWAY SEWER AND DRAINAGE

Jan. 1, 1916	Balance			86.87
	Jan.	105.78		18.91
	April	53.07	25.00	46.98
	App. Sewer		500.00	
	App. Drainage		500.00	953.02
	May	25.30		927.72
	June	174.11		753.61
	July	288.32	25.00	490.29
	Aug.	188.53	151.48	457.24
	Sept.	208.48	42.50	291.26
	Oct.	183.51	78.00	182.75
	Nov.	131.76	50.00	100.99
Dec. 31, 1916		198.54	21.20	76.35

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

Edward H. Cromwell	.40
Central Baptist Church	207.02
Edward H. Cromwell	6.78
Harriet M. S. Washburn	105.67
Arabella Bourne	13.97
Alton M. Peckham	29.70
Sparrow Bros., Inc.	19.47
School Department	57.00
William H. Connor	11.04
Henry B. Schlueter	26.53
Charles A. Sherman	18.66
George L. Thomas	8.16

Dr. Samuel Breck	14.72	
Edward Bryant	10.24	
Arthur H. Tripp	3.52	
Misses Wheeler	10.24	
Alvin C. Howes	9.92	
Ernest R. Stewart	2.60	
Thomas Kelley	15.19	
John E. Robinson	36.00	
Fred N. Whitman	22.08	
Bertie C. Gregory	15.84	
John Mansfield	26.39	
Arthur D. Leonard	9.76	
Charles N. Warren	5.76	
Charles N. Warren	21.70	
Timothy Scanlon	5.28	
Church of Our Saviour	8.21	
Everett T. Lincoln	85.81	
Town of Bridgewater	9.00	
Misses Bennett	31.90	
Mrs. McManus	12.05	
George A. Cox	9.92	
Leonard, Shaw & Dean	16.54	
Chester L. Shaw	9.92	
John Roht	7.68	
Elbridge Dunham	8.21	
Daniel Danelion	40.00	
A. E. Southworth	11.80	
F. L. Barrows	74.70	
Sidney T. Nelson	7.12	
Comstock Estate	21.12	
Middleboro Amusement Co.	116.00	
T. S. Pierce Trustees	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,183.62

ACCOUNT VILLAGE HIGHWAY.

Middleborough Fire Department	\$50.00
Sam Paranian	39.18
Jeo Dutra	41.15
Charles O. White	48.00
Henry L. Thatcher	5.25
Bay State St. Rwy. Co.	11.00
Lakeville State Sanatorium	33.23
Henry B. Schlueter	12.40
Arthur Winslow	60.00

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School Department	46.50	
George W. Lovell	35.00	
Ida F. Rounseville	200.00	
C. Myrtise Higgins	16.90	
E. T. P. Jenks	6.00	
Town of Carver	181.85	
Bay State St. Rwy. Co.	77.00	
Middleboro Mercantile Medium	40.52	
William A. Andrews	84.60	
William H. Connor, Supt.	.60	
Outside Districts accounts steam roller	370.00	
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		\$3,113.58

SEWER AND DRAINAGE ACCOUNT

Peter C. Wholan	\$25.00	
A. G. Newkirk	25.00	
F. W. Hayden	25.00	
Hannah Shurtleff	48.00	
D. D. Sullivan	57.48	
J. E. Cross	25.00	
James Fasulo	25.00	
F. L. Barrows	17.50	
Ida F. Rounseville	25.00	
Wm. I. Jeffers	25.00	
George H. Place	25.00	
Emogene Moody	25.00	
C. P. Washburn, Jr.	25.00	
Timothy Scanlon	21.20	
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		\$394.18

VALUATION OF THE TOWN PROPERTY IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

25 Tons of hay @ \$20.00 a ton	\$500.00
40 Barrels of binder	300.00
500 Tons of stone in the yard	700.00
2 Dump carts	150.00
2 Bottom dumps	150.00
1 Spreading cart	150.00
2 Gears	150.00
1 Gear	50.00
1 Drag	40.00
3 Plows	30.00
4 Road scrapers	600.00
1 Watering cart	300.00
1 Oil cart	300.00
1 Oil cart gear	50.00
1 Hay rake	15.00
1 Concrete mixer	400.00
Moving rolls and gears	250.00
Double harnesses	125.00
5 Snow plows	250.00
13 Snow plows	260.00
2 Cranes	50.00
2 Sets of platform scales	150.00
2 Double sleds	100.00
Sidewalk tools and material	800.00
Steam roller	2,000.00
Crushing plant	2,000.00
Portable Bens, elevater and screens	500.00
4 Horses	1,200.00
Street sweeper	150.00
Street cleaner and brushes	100.00
Oil tank	150.00
Blocks and falls, chains, tools, bars and gears	350.00
Town barn and lot	3,500.00
Land on Center St.	1,200.00
Land on Barden Hill	300.00
Land on Marion Road	250.00
New tools	200.00
Total	\$17,670.00

In addition to the general repairs the following new work from Taunton Road to Lagus Hill has been done: \$741 spent on old Centre Street. Starting in at the Electric

Light Station on Wareham Street the street was rebuilt the whole length of the street. The construction on Wareham Street was a tarvia base the Standard oil top, at an expense \$1,800. Starting in at the four corners on Centre Street on the north side of the street we went seven hundred and fifty yards to Everett Square approx. 4,500 yards construction at 2 gallons per yard in the binder and $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon to the yard in the seal coat making $2\frac{1}{2}$ gallons to the yard. The labor and stone used on Centre St. cost the Highway Department \$1,300. The binder was paid for by the Pierce Trustees at a cost of \$1,270.50. Making an approx. cost of Wareham and Centre Street to Everett Square \$3,100 to the Highway Department and \$1,270.50 paid by the Pierce Trustees, making a total expenditure on Wareham and Centre Street of \$4,370.50.

We also spent on Centre between Eyerett Square and Surrey Place on Centre \$294.80 which the East Taunton St. Railroad paid the Highway Department for. The Onset and New Bedford also paid the Highway \$1.00 for work on Wareham Street, binding their tracks. The Bay State St. Railway also paid the Highway Department \$378.20 for work done on Everett Street. In addition to the work done on Everett for the Bay State St. Railway the Highway spent \$350.00 for tar binder to repair the brakes on Everett Street. We rebuilt Forest Street with gravel from Arch Street to Centre Street. We recovered Oak Street from Pierce Street to Centre with a cinder base and a gravel top. We also built Court End Avenue from Alden Street to South Main Street. Warren Avenue was rebuilt from Centre Street to the south line of the West Side School Lot. We turnpiked and built West Street from Grove Street running north 700 feet. Supt. of Streets made a trade with Hollis Blackstone Supt. of the State Farm, to do Titicut Street from the bridge to Plymouth Street in return for steam roller work we did for him on Conant Street. We did some rolling for him on the Bridgewater side of Titicut Street. What work we did for Mr. Blackstone cost the town (\$36) thirty six dollars, it would have cost the town nine hundred to a thousand dollars to have done the work ourselves as he did it. I had to patch Plympton Street to save it through the season. I used (85) eighty five barrels of patching compound, and then only patched the worst places. I used forty barrels on the Taunton Road and only had enough to carry it over the season.

The cost of maintenance on Highway in 1916 was largely increased owing to the bad winter of a year ago. We also had a large increase cost by reason of the advance in pay of teams and men; our advance in both cases was a little better than ten percent. The cost of all our binders for road work advanced forty five percent. We replanked Titicut bridge at a cost of (\$250) two hundred and fifty dollars, and painted Titicut Bridge and Woodward Bridge at a cost of seventy-five dollars.

We built a new sidewalk at South Middleboro fifteen hundred feet long, and spent (\$415) doing the work. We built a new sidewalk on the west side of Everett Street from Clara Street to Centre Street of cinders and stone dust. We built a new curb on Centre Street from Oak to Forest Street, a distance of (375 feet) running up Forest Street (525 feet) at a cost of (\$.81) a foot. We built (504 feet) of curb on Wareham Street and (525 feet) on Pearl running from Centre to High Street. We also built (168 feet) on Union Street. On Union Street and Town Avenue (396 feet) of artificial stone sidewalk was built, of which the Baptist Society paid half. We built new Asaphalt sidewalk from Oak to Forest and from Centre to Pierce on Oak Street and (40) feet on Pierce Street. On Pearl Street north from Charles Starkey line to Sprout Street both sides of Sprout Street to Rice, down Rice Street on the east Bailey's north line, Rice Street on the west from Sherman's north line to Pierce. Pearl Street on the east side from Warren's north line to Pierce St. Pearl Street south of Centre from Centre Street to High Street, High Street from Oak to Union up Union to the High School lot. Court End Avenue on the south side from South Main Street to Elm St., Court Elm Ave. on the north side from Elm to Alden St. running east from the four corners (846) ft. So. Main Street from the four Corners (192) feet. Starting in on the east side of Centre Street bridge running down to steps connecting Alington Street. On the north side of Bull's eye Crossing bridge a new sidewalk built (125) feet on Webster Street (200) feet. Total footage in linear measure (8,800) feet. There has been a large amount of repairs and maintenance done all over the village, on account of the hard winter of 1915 and 16. The income of the Highway Department in 1916 was larger than it ever was before or probably will be again due largely to back payments due the Highway Department for two years. The Highway Department met with a large loss by losing two valuable horses but as accidents happen we must charge it up to profit and loss.

For a list of all bills paid, pay rolls and accounts refer to the town treasurer's report. The Supt. of Streets takes this time to thank the residents of the town of Middleboro for their co-operation and kindness.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CONNOR

Superintendent of Streets.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT.

From January 1, 1916, to January 1, 1917.

My work for the year has been removing, trimming and cementing trees. I have removed thirty-three trees, and cemented twenty-five trees.

VALUATION OF PROPERTY.

1 Spray Pump	\$150.00	
Saws, tools, ropes	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$200.00
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Appropriation for 1916	\$750.00	
Less Overdraft January 1, 1916	12.43	
	<hr/>	\$737.57

PAYMENTS.

1916		
April	1, L. S. Bailey, for Blacksmithing	\$9.05
	1, L. S. Bailey, Payroll	18.00
	22, L. S. Bailey, Payroll	20.00
	28, L. S. Bailey, Payroll	14.00
May	6, L. S. Bailey, Payroll	23.00
	12, L. S. Bailey, Payroll	15.00
	20, Geo. E. Doane	38.30
	20, L. S. Bailey, Payroll	10.00
	26, L. S. Bailey, Payroll	122.00
	26, Leonard & Sampson, Insurance	32.00
June	10, Maxim Motor Co.	63.45
	17, L. S. Bailey, Payroll	13.00
	24, L. S. Bailey, Payroll	42.00
July	1, L. S. Bailey, for Horse Hire	72.00
	1, L. S. Bailey, for Payroll	29.50
	1, Chas. Tribou	7.00
	15, L. S. Bailey, Payroll	41.00

22, L. S. Bailey, Payroll	34.00	
29, L. S. Bailey, Payroll	33.50	
Aug. 5, Howard A. Cline, Filing Saws	5.45	
Sept. 23, L. S. Bailey, Salary	99.00	
	<hr/>	\$752.98
Overdrawn		15.41
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		\$737.57

THOMAS S. PIERCE FUND
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

Middleborough, Mass., January 31, 1917.

To the Selectmen of Middleborough, Mass.;

Gentlemen:—The following statement shows the condition of the funds held by us as Trustees under the will of Thomas S. Pierce, for the benefit of the Town of Middleborough and the Middleborough Public Library at the close of business, December 31, 1916:

Also statement of income of above funds for the year 1916.

Balance sheet of fund held in trust for the Town of Middleborough, December 31, 1916.

ASSETS.

Stocks	\$319,216.39	
Bonds	65,511.19	
Premium on bonds	561.16	
Mortgage and Promissory notes	116,703.00	
Real Estate carried as Personal Property	28,814.20	
Postoffice fittings and furniture	1,500.00	
Cabinet at Library	240.00	
Steel chest in Pierce building	300.00	
Life Insurance Policy	300.00	
Deposit in Savings Bank	4,000.00	
Cash	9,166.57	
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	\$546,312.51	
Real Estate	72,260.37	
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		\$618,572.88

LIABILITIES.

Trust fund received from Executor	\$472,506.03	
Passing direct under will	119,713.89	
Profit, gained on securities exchanged	26,352.96	
	<hr/>	\$618,572.88

INCOME.

Gross receipts for 1916	\$23,696.91	
Gross expenses for 1916, including tax \$4,476.67	12,079.87	
Net income for 1916	<hr/>	\$11,617.04
Balance on hand January 1, 1916		2,381.14
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		\$13,988.18

PAID FOR USE AND BENEFIT OF TOWN.

Sewer, Jackson and Lincoln Streets	\$95.00	
13,350 gals. Asphalt Binder for Center Street	1,468.50	
Typewriters, chairs and stands, acc. Commercial course High School	585.00	
Heating system, account Union St. School	640.00	
Town Treasurer, account architect's fees, proposed new High School building	1,000.00	
Town Treasurer, account town debt	5,000.00	
Town Treasurer, account Commer- cial course	1,185.00	
Town Treasurer, account sidewalks	1,000.00	
Town Treasurer, account fittings, Town Clerk's office	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$11,473.50
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1917		<hr/>
		\$2,524.68

Balance sheet of fund held in trust for the Middleborough
Public Library, December 31, 1916.

ASSETS.

Bonds and Premium on Bonds	\$46,657.09	
Mortgage notes	1,750.00	
Middleborough Savings Bank	600.41	
Cash	1,222.62	
	<hr/>	\$50,230.12

LIABILITIES.

Devised under will	\$50,000.00	
Profit, gain on securities exchanged	230.12	
	<hr/>	\$50,230.12

INCOME.

Receipts for 1916	\$1,933.17
Paid Treasurer Middleborough Public Library	1,933.17 *

Very truly yours,

CHESTER E. WESTON,
GEORGE W. STETSON,
GEORGE R. SAMPSON,

Trustees under the will of Thomas S. Pierce.

INSPECTOR OF WIRES.

To the Board of Selectmen, Town of Middleboro, Mass.;

Gentlemen:—I hereby submit my report as Wire Inspector for the year ending Dec. 31, 1916.

Number of inspections made	51
Number found which were not in accordance with the regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters	2

Yours respectfully,

B. DINSMORE,

Inspector of Wires.

REPORT OF THE TOWN AUDITOR.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the accounts of the Town, including the accounts of the Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Collector of Taxes, Manager of the Municipal Light Plant, Trustees of the Estate of Thomas S. Pierce and Treasurer of the Middleborough Public Library, and I find such accounts well kept and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the same are correct in every particular.

W. W. BRACKETT,

Town Auditor.

OUTSTANDING NOTES AND BONDS OF THE TOWN
OF MIDDLEBOROUGH, AS OF JANUARY 1, 1917.

PLYMOUTH AND MIDDLEBOROUGH RAILROAD
LOAN—4%.

Due Nov. 1, 1918, Salem Savings Bank	\$5,000.00
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SCHOOL HOUSE LOAN—4%.

Due Nov. 1, 1917—Nov. 1, 1926	\$16,500.00
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MUNICIPAL LIGHT LOAN—4%.

Due Nov. 1, 1918, 1923, Bearer	\$22,000.00
Due Nov. 1, 1917, Commonwealth of Mass.	3,500.00
Due Nov. 1, 1918, Commonwealth of Mass.	1,500.00

Due Nov. 1, 1924, 1926, 1927, Commonwealth of Mass.	15,000 .00	
Due Nov. 1, 1925, Jose, Parker Co.	5,000 .00	
	<hr/>	\$47,000 .00
Total Permanent Loan		<hr/> \$68,500 .00

TEMPORARY LOAN.

Due April 12, 1917, Middleboro Savings Bank	\$30,000 .00
Due April 4, 1917, Harry C. Grafton, Jr.	10,000 .00

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BRACKETT,

Town Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

For the Year Ending December 31, 1916.

Cash on hand January 1, 1916	\$20,977.32
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Received for accounts as follows:—

Board of Health:—

Incidentals account Insurance	\$15.00	
Fred N. Whitman	1.85	
John V. Sullivan, Attorney	50.00	
School Department	15.00	
Licenses (Slaughtering)	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$84.85

Cemetery Trust Funds:—

Additions to Permanent Funds	\$830.00	
Income for Care of Lots	438.74	
	<hr/>	\$1,268.74

Collector of Taxes:—

Account 1913 Assessments	\$690.95	
Account 1914 Assessments	8,373.65	
Account 1915 Assessments	10,769.77	
Account 1916 Assessments	96,455.68	
	<hr/>	\$116,290.05

Corporation and Bank Tax:—

State Treasurer	\$7,544.35
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Fourth District Court:—

Luke F. Kelley, Clerk	\$468.50
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Herring Account:—

Town of Dighton	\$40.00
Town of Somerset	40.00

Town of Raynham	40.00	
Town of Freetown	20.00	
Town of Berkley	40.00	
City of Taunton	60.00	
	<hr/>	\$240.00

Highway:—Account Estimated Receipts:—

State Treasurer:—Street Railway		
Tax	\$2,059.74	
Bay State St. Ry. Co., Excise Tax	1,788.99	
New Bedford & Onset St. Ry. Co.,		
Excise Tax	713.45	
East Taunton St. Ry. Co., Excise		
Tax	206.18	
	<hr/>	\$4,768.36

Highway:—Account Plymouth Street Macadam:—

Massachusetts Highway Commission	\$218.25	
Transfer from "Reserve Fund"	599.43	
	<hr/>	\$817.68

Highway:—Maintenance of Plant:—

Wm. H. Connor, Supt., Town		
Teams	\$3,218.95	
Barrett Manufacturing Company	2.62	
	<hr/>	\$3,221.57

Highway:—Outside Districts:—

Wm. H. Connor, Supt., Refund		
account Freight	\$67.26	
New Bedford & Onset St. Ry. Co.	81.00	
Henry A. Wyman	60.00	
	<hr/>	\$208.26

Highway:—Account Clearing Snow:—

Transfers from "Reserve Fund"	886.74	
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Highway:—Stone Account:—

Bay State Street Railway Co.	\$87.50	
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Edward H. Cromwell	4.20	
John R. McGrady	3.75	
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		\$9 .45

Highway:—Village Account:—

Middleborough Fire Department	\$50.00	
Sam. Paranian	39.18	
Joe Dutra	41.15	
Charles O. White	48.00	
Henry L. Thatcher	5.25	
Bay State Street Railway Co.	11.00	
Lakeville State Sanatorium	33.23	
Henry B. Schlueter	12.40	
Arthur Winslow	60.00	
Charles N. Atwood	30.00	
William S. Leland	20.00	
Maxim Motor Company	383.87	
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Town of Carver	181.85	
Bay State St. Ry. Co.	77.00	
Middleboro Mercantile Medium	40.52	
William A. Andrews	84.60	
William H. Connor, Supt.	.60	
Outside Districts, account Steam Roller	370.00	
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		\$3,113.58

Incidentals:—

H. S. Allen	\$3.00	
N. Y. N. H. & H. R. R. Co.	60.87	
Sale of 5 Town Histories	15.00	
Middleboro Gas & Electric Plant	2.70	
Myron W. Baxter (Refund)	.60	
Fire Money uncalled for	24.49	
Use of Fire Truck	12.80	
T. S. Pierce, Trustees, (Use of Town Clerk)	500.00	
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		\$619.46

Interest:—

Collector of Taxes	\$1,563.78	
On Daily Bank balances	295.16	
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		\$1,858.94

Income:—Enoch Pratt Fund:—

Kansas City Terminal Co., Bonds	\$200.00	
City of Troy, N. Y., Bonds	225.00	
Middleboro Savings Bank, Interest	20.18	
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		\$445.18

Licenses:—

County of Plymouth, Dog Licenses	
Refund	\$1,506.09
Henry J. Joyal, Moving Pictures	32.50
Matthew Cushing, Moving Pictures	10.00
Charles W. Sheafe, Moving Pictures	15.00
Andrew J. Decker, Moving Pictures	60.00
Midd. Amusement Co., Moving Pictures	110.00
Isadore Friedman, Junk License	150.00
Max Bermer, Junk License	150.00
James Friedman, Junk License	150.00
Menieul Sitaros, Peddler's License	14.00
A. F. Keyes, Peddler's License	14.00
State Commissioner, Weights and Measures, Peddler's License— (Champlain)	14.00
Everett T. Lincoln	2.00
Henry L. Thatcher	2.00
Alton M. Peckham	4.00
Joseph Fortin	2.00

Cook & Wilson, Circus License	10.00	
William Egger	2.00	
Clarence E. Chase	5.00	
John V. Sullivan	2.00	
Pasztor & Klar	2.00	
D. H. Place	2.00	
George H. Place	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,260.59

Temporary Loans:—

Hutchins & Wheeler, Boston, Mass	\$15,000.00	
Harry C. Grafton, Jr., Boston Mass.	45,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$60,000.00

Military Aid:—

State Treasurer		\$373.50
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Moth Account:—

Linam Chute, Supt., (Refund)	\$17.60	
A. Boutine	1.00	
Mass. Highway Commission	104.70	
State Treasurer	1,383.10	
	<hr/>	\$1,506.40

Middleborough Gas & Electric Plant:—

George A. Philbrook, Manager		\$40,000.00
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Overseers of Poor:—

John H. Pushee, Farm Account	\$2,275.67
Cordelia A. Finney	210.00
Harold Hunter	2.00
Charles M. Thatcher, Clerk	7.58
Town of Wareham	4.00
Town of Milford	7.00
Town of Milton	160.00
City of Fall River	28.00
State Treasurer	113.93
City of Woburn	80.00
Town of Freetown	171.00
City of Brockton	76.15
City of Boston	27.75

City of Worcester	72.00	
Town of Bourne	76.00	
Town of Mashpee	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,326.08

Police Department:—

G. Louis Hathaway, Chief	\$4.59	
Batchelder & Snyder	7.50	
County of Plymouth, Rent	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$312.09

Schools:—Proposed High School Account:—

T. S. Pierce, Trustees		\$1,000.00
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School Department:—

T. S. Pierce, Trustees	\$1,185.00	
Town of Raynham	13.20	
City of Boston	117.25	
Town of Lakeville	1,786.13	
Town of Rochester	110.00	
Town of Plympton	242.18	
State Treasurer	781.35	
Town of Halifax	55.00	
State Treasurer	33.75	
Charles H. Bates, Supt.	4.25	
	<hr/>	\$4,328.11

Sealer of Weights and Measures:—

Fees Collected		\$112.69
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Sewer and Drainage Account:—

Peter C. Wholan	\$25.00	
A. G. Newkirk	25.00	
F. W. Hayden	25.00	
Hannah Shurtleff	48.00	
D. D. Sullivan	57.48	
J. E. Cross	25.00	
James Fasulo	25.00	
F. L. Barrows	17.50	
Ida F. Rounseville	25.00	
Wm. I. Jeffers	25.00	

George H. Place	25.00	
Emogene Moody	25.00	
C. P. Washburn, Jr.	25.00	
Timothy Scanlon	21.20	
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		\$394.18

Sidewalk Account:—

Edward H. Cromwell	.40
Central Baptist Church	207.02
Edward H. Cromwell	6.78
Harriet M. S. Washburn	105.67
Arabella Bourne	13.97
Alton M. Peckham	29.70
Sparrow Brothers, Inc.	19.47
School Department	57.00
William H. Connor	11.04
Henry B. Schlueter	26.53
Charles A. Sherman	18.66
George L. Thomas	8.16
Dr. Samuel Breck	14.72
Edward Bryant	10.24
Arthur H. Tripp	3.52
Misses Wheeler	10.24
Alvin C. Howes	9.92
Ernest R. Stewart	2.60
Thomas Kelley	15.19
John E. Robinson	36.00
Fred N. Whitman	22.08
Bertie C. Gregory	15.84
John Mansfield	26.39
Arthur D. Leonard	9.76
Charles N. Warren	5.76
Charles N. Warren	21.70
Timothy Scanlon	5.28
Church of Our Saviour	8.21
Everett T. Lincoln	85.81
Town of Bridgewater	9.00
Misses Bennett	31.90
Mrs. McManus	12.05
George A. Cox	9.92
Leonard, Shaw & Dean	16.54
Chester L. Shaw	9.92
John Roht	7.68

Elbridge Dunham	\$8.21	
Daniel Danelion	40.00	
A. E. Southworth	11.80	
F. L. Barrows	74.70	
Sidney T. Nelson	7.12	
Comstock Estate	21.12	
Middleboro Amusement Co.	116.00	
T. B. Pierce, Trustees	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,183.62

Soldiers' Burial:—

State Treasurer	\$200.00
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Soldiers' Exemptions:—

State Treasurer	\$332.81
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State Aid:—

State Treasurer	\$4,562.00
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Town Hall Account:—

London & Lancashire Ins. Co.	\$101.37
Springfield Ins. Co.	270.34
Milwaukee Mechanics Ins. Co.	270.35
Agricultural Ins. Co.	67.58
Security Ins. Co.	270.34
Liverpool, London & Globe Ins. Co.	135.17
Providence-Washington Ins. Co.	253.00
Hanover Insurance Co. of N. Y.	135.17
Insurance Co. of North America	101.37
Home Insurance Co.	101.37
Aetna Insurance Co.	101.37
Germania Ins. Co.	135.17
Palatine Ins. Co.	67.58
Sun Ins. Co.	67.58
Commercial Union Ins. Co.	101.37
Phoenix Ins. Co.	67.58
German American Ins. Co.	101.38
Continental Ins. Co.	101.38
Bourne Wood, Town Hall Agent	237.25
Matthew Cushing	65.00
Middleboro Fire District	250.83
Middleboro Fire Department	180.00

The Cabot Club	10.00	
Board of Health	5.00	
E. Kimball Harrison	2.80	
The Thimble Club	17.00	
Midd. Playground Association	30.00	
School Department	500.00	
Andrew J. Decker	15.00	
Nemasker Grange	15.00	
Midd. Catholic Club	30.00	
Boot & Shoe Workers' Union	5.00	
Middleboro D. A. R.	25.00	
Williams & Foye	5.00	
Edward H. Cromwell	2.75	
Middleboro Lodge of Elks	35.00	
Midd. Amusement Co.	90.00	
Christian Science Society	5.00	
J. F. Murphy	8.00	
Lithuanian Society	10.00	
Rev. Louis A. Walker	5.00	
Rev. Timothy A. Curtain	20.00	
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		\$4,018.10

Town officers' Expense Account:—

Overseers of Poor	\$1.26
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Town Debt, etc.:—

T. S. Pierce, Trustees, to pay Town notes due in 1916 and to apply toward reduction of taxes	\$5,000.00
Total	<hr/> \$292,820.46

Payments for the year have been as follows:—

Band Concerts:—

Slectmen's Orders	\$100.00
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Board of Health:—

Orders of Department	\$3,058.86
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Cemetery Trust Funds:—

Annual Care of Lots	\$555.74	
Funds Deposited	830.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,385.74

County Tax:—

Treasurer of Plymouth County	\$7,024.99
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District Nurse Association:—

Selectmen's Order	\$300.00
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Fourth District Court:—

G. Louis Hathaway	\$130.55	
Charles M. Thatcher	11.80	
Frank W. Hastay	2.40	
Clarence E. Thomas	1.25	
Fred A. Shockley	4.40	
	<hr/>	\$150.40

G. A. R.—E. W. Pierce Post No. 8:—

Selectmen's Order	\$200.00
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Herring Account:—

Selectmen's Order	\$222.60
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Highway Accounts:—On Selectmen's Orders:—

Bridge Account	\$328.35
Carmel Street Account	277.70
Plymouth Street Account	394.50
Maintenance of Plant	3,836.94
Outside Districts	5,416.70
Clearing Snow	2,232.54
Stone Account	172.64
Superintendent's Salary, Dec., 1915	
to Dec. 1916, Inc—13 months	1,625.00
Village Account	7,462.91
Water Supply	1,106.79

Sewer and Drainage	1,557.40	
Sidewalks	4,795.70	
Street Sprinkling	3,112.94	
	<hr/>	\$32,320.11
Incidentals:—		
Selectmen's Orders		\$3,497.46
Interest:—On Selectmen's Orders:—		
Account Permanent Loans	\$998.00	
Account Temporary Loans	1,646.57	
	<hr/>	\$2,644.57
Income Enoch Pratt Fund:—		
Middleborough Public Library		\$380.18
Licenses:—		
To Middleborough Public Library		\$2,296.59
Plymouth Street Macadam Highway Loan:—		
Note due December 1, 1916		\$1,600.00
School House Loan:—		
Note due November 1, 1916		1,650.00
Temporary Loans:—		
Selectmen's Orders		50,000.00
Middleborough Public Library:—		
Selectmen's Order		300.00
Military Aid:—		
Selectmen's Orders		504.00
Note Account:—		4,734.74

Middleborough Gas & Electric Plant:—

Commissioners' Salaries	\$300.00	
Notes paid through Sinking Fund	3,500.00	
Interest	2,020.00	
Maintenance	25,303.63	
Construction	28,785.71	
Depreciation	453.79	
	<hr/>	\$60,363.13

Non-Resident Bank Tax:—

State Treasurer	673.63
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Overseers of Poor:—

Orders of Department	12,244.65
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Pension Fund:—

Selectmen's Orders	281.32
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Police Department:—

Selectmen's Orders	4,650.32
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“Reserve Fund”—Appropriation Committee Orders:—

Highway Snow Account	\$337.59	
Highway Snow Account	549.15	
Plymouth Street Macadam Highway	599.43	
	<hr/>	\$1,486.17

School Department:—Committees Orders, etc:—

Account Proposed High School	\$1,000.00	
Account Special Committee	414.81	
Maintenance	41,805.02	
Repairs	2,102.72	
Transportation	3,054.19	
	<hr/>	\$48,376.74

Sealer of Weights and Measures:—
Orders of Dept.

499.07

Soldiers' Burial:—

Selectmen's Orders	96 .00
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Soldiers' Relief:—

Selectmen's Orders	1,680 .61
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State Aid:—

Selectmen's Orders	4,286 .00
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State Highway Tax:—

State Treasurer	2,490 .00
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State Tax:—

State Treasurer	9,920 .00
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Town Hall Account:—

Selectmen's Orders	10,661 .33
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Town Officers:—

Selectmen's Orders	4,115 .03
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Town Officers Expenses:—

Selectmen's Orders	1,284 .32
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Tree Warden:—

Selectmen's Orders	752 .98
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Total payments	\$276,231 .54
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Cash on hand January 1, 1917	16,588 .92
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Total	\$292,820 .46
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Respectfully submitted

ALBERT A. THOMAS,
Treasurer.

Report of the Treasurer of the Municipal Light Loan
Sinking Fund.

Received from Town Treasurer	\$3,500.00	
Paid Notes due November 1, 1916.		\$3,500.00

ALBERT A. THOMAS,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Middleboro;—

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to present to you the following report:

I have visited 108 places of business, and have attended to 54 calls at the office.

Adjusted 240 pcs.
Sealed 1209 pcs.
Condemned 21 pcs.
Non-sealed 5 pcs.

I have made a number of inspections of Peddler's wagons or packs, reweighed two loads of coal and 35 pieces of merchandise, all of which I found to be correct.

In the south and east sections of the town, I found the scales in rather bad condition, in almost every case the error being in favor of the consumer. In most cases the old scales have been replaced by new ones.

INVENTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

STANDARDS.

Cabinet containing		
50 lb. Balance		
Avoirdupois weight:	50 lbs. to 1/16 oz.	
Dry measures	16 qts. to 1 qt.	
Liquid measures	4 qts. to 1 gill.	
Yard measure		
Apothecaries weight	2d to 1/10 gr. in case	
Metric weight	50g. to 1/100 g. in case	
1 Semi test measure,	1/5 gals.	\$150.00

FIELD WEIGHTS.

Avordupois weights	20/50 lb. C. J.
“ “	1/20 “ “
“ “	3/10 “ “

Avoirdupois weights, 1/5	"	"	
"	"	1 Set 1/25, 2/10, 1/5 lb. in case.	
"	"	1 Set 4 lbs. to 1/16 oz.	"
"	"	1 Set 1 1/10, 2 2/10 lbs.	"
"	"	1 Hanger weight, 8 oz.	
Apothecaries	"	1 Set 12 oz. to 1/10 gr.	"
Metric	"	1 Set 500 g. to 1 m. g.	" 139.00

BALANCES.

1.10 Balance in case	47.00
1 Small Balance in case	

MEASURES.

1.5 Gal. measure.	
1 Set nickel measure	4 qts. to 1 gill in case.
1 Set copper	" 4 qts. to 1 gill.
1 Set dry	" (wood) 16 qts. to 1 qt.
1 Conical graduate to deliver 4 oz.	
1 Cylindrical graduate to deliver 35 cu. in.	
1 Cylindrical graduate to deliver 8 oz.	58.05

SPECIALS.

Chain and hooks for use in testing ice balances
balances and heavy beam scales.
Yard measure

Two old test balances	11.25
Sealer's tools	41.35
Sealer's supplies	17.05
Furniture in office	75.00

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance Jan. 1, 1916	\$67.49
Appropriation	350.00
Fees	112.69
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	\$530.18
Less estimated fees	100.00
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	\$430.18

ORDERS DRAWN.

Salary	\$250.00
Supplies for 1916	104.16
Printing, 1915	3.50
Adjusting State weights	7.70
Printing and stationery	12.66
Sundries	3.60
Horse hire	43.50
Supplies for 1917	73.95
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	\$499.07

This shows an overdraft of \$68.89 made necessary for the purchase of the supplies for 1917, which had to be in use the very first of the year.

Allow me to call the attention of the Board to the fifty pound test balance owned by the state and in care of the town, which has been in use for a number of years, and in my opinion will either have to be repaired or replaced by a new one in a very short time, as I have had to have it adjusted twice in the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER R. CASWELL,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

MIDDLEBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Dec. 31, 1916.

The educational history of the Middleboro Public Library is shown by the report of the Librarian, and its financial by the report of the Treasurer, both herewith presented.

The year 1916 has been notable to the Trustees in the death of two of their number, Hon. David G. Pratt on July 22, and Warren H. Southworth on October 30.

Both were men of strong and forceful character, connected with many public interests, and actively interested in the work of this Library.

Mr. Southworth had for several years been President of the Trustees, and had made the Library his special care, to its own great advantage.

He was chairman of the building committee of the Trustees at the time of erection of the present Library building, and many of the desirable and satisfactory features of the Library are the result of the knowledge and experience which he, as a practical carpenter and builder, brought to the work.

The heating fixtures have been put into the form required by the State Inspector, and the pigeons which caused so much annoyance about the entrance have been exterminated.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. HATHAWAY,

Secretary.

MIDDLEBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

December 30, 1916.

The income of the General Expense account for the year has been as follows:

Balance from 1915	\$44 .47
Received from Town Treasurer, appropriation	300 .00
Received from Town Treasurer on account	
Licenses	2,296 .59
Received from Town Treasurer, interest	
Enoch Pratt Fund	380 .18
Interest on deposits, Middleboro Trust Co.	16 .64
Fines collected by Librarian	218 .25
Other sources	.30
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	\$3,256 .43

And payments have been as follows:

Fuel	\$367 .00	
Light	253 .69	
Water	16 .19	
Repairs	75 .33	
Insurance	113 .72	
Janitor	480 .00	
Librarian's Salary	549 .96	
Assistant Librarians	822 .70	
Supplies	52 .64	
Telephone	18 .30	
Printing and printed matter	13 .75	
New lawn mower	12 .00	
Incidentals	66 .69	
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		\$2,841 .97
Balance		\$414 .46

The Pierce Fund income for the year is:

Balance from 1915	\$774.55
Received from Pierce Trustees	1,933.17
Received from sale of old Typewriter	5.00
Received from other sources	6.62
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	\$2,719.34

Expenditures as follows:—	
For Books and Periodicals	\$1,204.22
Rebinding	297.86
Express charges	15.95
Bulletins	70.70
Membership in Library Art Club	6.00
Typewriter	90.00
Cards from Librarian of Congress	25.00
Other cards and paper	19.29
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	\$1,729.02
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Balance	\$990.32

which is the amount available for purchases of Books, etc., until June 30 next.

Respectfully submitted

EDWARD S. HATHAWAY,

Treasurer.

To the Board of Trustees of the Middleborough Public Library;

I have the honor of submitting the annual report of the Public Library for the year ending, December 31, 1916.

There have been added to the Library during the year just passed 784 new books. Of that number 55 were bound periodicals, and 37 gifts, the remaining 692 being purchases. Also there were 47 books replaced, 40 discarded as worthless or out of print, and 742 rebound.

As classified the new books added are as follows:

General Works	40
Philosophy and Religion	35
Sociology	60
Philology	6
Science, and Useful Arts	64
Fine Arts	39
Literature	57
Description and Travel	39
History	48
Biography	62
Fiction	203
Young People's Books	131

Gifts of books during the year included Vital Records of several towns in Massachusetts, from the Secretary of State; volume third of the "Life and work of Susan B. Anthony," from the National American Woman's Suffrage Association; several French books presented by Miss Robinson, and books on Banking and the United States postal money-order system. Also the Manual of the Mass. General Court, and Journals of the House and Senate.

REGISTRATION AND CIRCULATION.

Two hundred and eighty-nine new cards were issued during the year, 122 being taken by children under fifteen years of age. The Library was opened for the circulation of books 306 days, and the number issued was 51,819. The number of non-fiction 8,166, of fiction 26,372, and 17,381 were taken from the young people's room.

The circulation was made smaller by the closing for several weeks of the children's room during parts of September and October.

The largest number of books issued any one day was 378, the smallest being 50, and the average daily circulation 169.

The sending of books to the East part of the town has been given up, as there is now no one to have the care of them, but several of the teachers continue to give the children the benefit of the books by carrying them to the localities where they teach.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY M. EDDY,

Librarian.

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD FOR 1916.

At the close of our fiscal year 1915, we had a large cash asset in Town Treasury, consisting of the following:

Depreciation Account	\$8,216.52
Construction Account	361.89
Operation Account	5,213.20
Cash in office	757.37
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Total Amount	\$14,548.98

This amount we had been accumulating for the past three years to anticipate extensive additions to both the Gas and Electric Plants, especially the Electric, without calling on the Town for any extra appropriation.

A high tension or main line to connect with the Plymouth Company at the town line in Carver and also a sub-station at our own plant, has been completed at a cost of \$12,930.42. (This is for purchasing current according to vote of the town).

The line for commercial lighting, as by vote of the town running to the Lakeville town house, which has, eighteen customers on main line and fourteen at Nelson's grove; a long extension at North Middleboro about two and a half miles on Pleasant and Clay Streets, besides a number of smaller additions in the village have been finished.

The line to Marion Road is nearly completed.

The total cost of the above lines is \$7,935.36, which is an addition or asset to the Plant, and comes from its earnings.

Extensions now would be at very high cost, owing to the greatly advanced price on copper and on electrical material. While there are applications for long outside extensions, we should meet them as our finances will permit.

The first six months of our fiscal year were the largest and most profitable in the history of the Plant, The last six months, although there was an increase in the number of customers, show a decrease of \$1,544.37 over corresponding

period of last year, owing to the reduction in price of electricity taking effect July 1, and the higher cost of material entering into cost of manufacture.

Gas:—The gas mains were extended about three thousand feet, with four inch cast iron pipe, together with thirty-four new services, at a cost of \$3,604.13. The income from consumers over cost of manufacture was \$2,539.81. The commissioners are in favor of making a reduction of 10 cents on a thousand, providing the State Board will allow it.

The main issues which we proposed last year have been met and all paid for except a small balance on the construction account of the high tension line. The final settlement has been waiting for a joint inspection and inventory of materials used. Aside from this, all other new work laid out or proposed last year has been paid for, with a small balance of \$232.83 available over and above bills payable.

(Signed) WILLIAM A. ANDREWS, Chairman.
HARLAS L. CUSHMAN.
BURTON DINSMORE.

Municipal Light Board.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT FOR 1916.

Messrs William A. Andrews, Chairman.

Harlas L. Cushman and Burton Dinsmore.
Municipal Light Board, Town of Middleboro.

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to present herewith for your consideration and approval, the twenty-third annual report of the Manager on the operation of the Plant as well as the accounts as shown by the books for the year ending December 31, 1916.

As will be seen from the following pages, the Plant continues to show a prosperous growth along all lines.

The benefits already accrued from the small extensions of gas mains this past year, are made apparent from the fact that more gas meters were set than in any one year before.

The gain in operating, on gas (income over expense) was \$2,539.81, which was the largest ever made. This showing should be gratifying to the commissioners, when one stops to consider the adverse showing in years previous to 1912. We trust it is fully as gratifying to the Pierce Trustees, who, by rehabilitating the Gas Plant in 1912, made possible the marked change in its showing, which is, from a loss of \$1,719.44 in operating the year previous to installing the new apparatus, to the above mentioned gain of \$2,539.81 in operating (income over expense) in 1916.

With the present outlook for increased cost of many of the materials entering into the manufacture and production of the gas, there will probably be a smaller margin of profit next year, but by careful and attentive management, we feel safe in asserting that it will be sufficient to apply the basic principle upon which municipal ownership is founded, which is, to give the consumers the benefits of any profits which may accrue from operating this branch of industry.

Therefore, would recommend that the price of gas to consumers be reduced 10 cents per thousand, provided, however, that the consent of the State Board of Gas and Electric Commissioners may be obtained to so do.

The result of the reduction in price of electricity for lighting was as follows:—The sales for the six months preceding the reduction were \$1,357.04 more than those of the corresponding period of 1915. The sales for the six months after the reduction went into effect, were \$1,544.37 less than those of the corresponding period of previous year.

The final connection to the high tension line from Plymouth Electric Light Co. was made December 3, and from that date, excepting the week of December 18, such current not produced with the water wheels has been supplied from the high tension line. With a line capacity of 1500 K. W. and station capacity of nearly 30,000 K. W. back of the line, the Plant is now in position to offer cheap and reliable power service.

Wish at this time to call your attention to the Profit and Loss balance, December 31, especially the attention of those, if there are any, who still continue to claim that the Plant is not self-supporting, and a great source of expense to the citizens and tax-payers.

December 31, 1916, the Profit and Loss balance was \$10,552.80.

June 30, 1906, the Profit and Loss balance was \$68,361.44.

Of the \$7,000.00 appropriated last March, \$3,500.00 was used for payment of Bond due, and \$3,500.00 transferred to Depreciation Fund, the latter amount being the cost to the town for its street lights for the year.

Notwithstanding the loss in receipts of over \$1,500.00 on account of reduction in price of current, the gross profits of the Plant, namely, \$13,980.13 was the largest during its 26 years of existence.

Following is a detailed statement for the year 1916.

ACCOUNTS FOR WHICH BILLS ARE PAYABLE.

Garage Account	\$9.05
Station Tools, Electric	3.15
Oil and Waste	.65
Bituminous Coal, Electric	83.51
Coke	41.28
Wood	3.25
Lines and Wires	7.49
Current bought	483.50
Repairs, Real Estate Gas	.65

Repairs, Real Estate Electric	6.40	
Repairs, Lines and Wires	.20	
Repairs, Electric Plant	1.03	
	<hr/>	\$640.16

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.

Which include the December sales (January 1st Bills).

Gas	\$962.58	
Lighting	4,569.25	
Power	874.43	
Jobbing	169.71	
	<hr/>	\$6,575.97

SALES.

	1917	1916
Gas	\$8,524.09	\$7,265.01
Lighting	26,605.75	26,793.08
Power	5,920.94	5,377.27
Jobbing	1,192.74	873.75
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	\$42,243.52	\$40,309.11

Increase in Gas Sales in 1916 over 1915	\$1,259.08
Increase in Electric and Power Sales in 1916 over 1915	356.34
Net Increase in Gas, Electric and Power Sales in 1916 over 1915	1,615.42

CUSTOMERS.

	Jan. 1, 1917	Jan. 1, 1916	Increase
Gas	127	93	34
Electric	481	425	56
Gas and Electric	299	265	34
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	907	783	124

METERS INSTALLED.

	Jan. 1, 1917	Jan. 1, 1916	Increase
Gas	447	386	61
Electric	872	803	69
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	1,319	1,189	130

STREET LIGHTS.

All Night Service (21 incandescent)	348	3,135	29	9 hrs.
1.30 A. M. Service (229 incandescent)	321	1,855	27	5 hrs. 46 min.
So Middleboro, Rock and No. Middleboro Service (96 incandescent)	365	1,907	30	5 hrs. 30 min.
Total K. W. made				454,668
Total K. W. bought				27,629
Total K. W. used for street lights				47,062

GAS MANUFACTURING ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

For Manufacture:—

Coal	\$294.75	
Coke	1,185.54	
Wood	22.88	
Water	53.98	
Fuel Oil	1,669.43	
Purifying Materials	21.82	
Wages at Works	1,116.36	
Works, Tools, etc.	35.50	
Repairs and Maintenance, Works	291.41	
Repairs, Real Estate	.60	
	<hr/>	\$4,692.27

For Distribution:—

Wages, Reading Meters	\$34.00	
Repairs, Mains and Services	76.60	
Repairs, Meters	77.52	
Distribution Tools, etc.	54.51	
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Miscellaneous:—

General Salaries	\$402.85	
Salaries of Municipal Light Board	50.00	
General Office Expenses	83.61	
Stable Account	14.57	
Garage Account	45.65	
Insurance	35.23	
Bad Debts	7.84	
	<hr/>	\$639.75

Total Expenses	\$5,574.65
Balance to Profit and Loss (Profit)	2,539.81

Total Debits	\$8,114.46
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INCOME.

From Sale of Gas	\$8,524.09	
Less Discounts	409.63	
	<hr/>	\$8,114.46

Total Credits	\$8,114.46
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ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING ACCOUNT. EXPENSES.

Current bought		\$483 .50
For Manufacture:—		
Bituminous Coal	\$898 .86	
Pea Coal	2,551 .26	
Oil and Waste	402 .96	
Water	38 .93	
Wages at Station	6,205 .04	
Station Tools, etc.	123 .62	
Repairs, Real Estate	29 .81	
Repairs, Gas Engine Plant	453 .67	
Repairs Steam Plant	25 .45	
Repairs, Water Plant	48 .63	
Repairs, Electric Plant	334 .30	
Repairs, Gas Producer Plant	61 .77	
	<hr/>	\$11,174 .30
For Distribution:—		
Wages, Care Lights	\$10 .86	
Wages, Reading Meters	170 .00	
Electrodes	14 .77	
Distribution Tools, etc.	42 .73	
Stable Account	276 .73	
Garage Account	867 .37	
Repairs, Lines and Wires	1,601 .20	
Repairs, Electric Meters	153 .78	
Repairs, Street Arc Lamps	91 .40	
Repairs and Maintenance, Street Incandescent Lamps	374 .68	
	<hr/>	\$3,603 .52
Miscellaneous:—		
General Salaries	\$2,014 .25	
Salaries of Municipal Light Board	250 .00	
Commissioners' Expenses	10 .00	
General Office Expenses	418 .04	
Insurance	379 .29	
Accounts charged to bad debts	37 .20	
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Total Expenses		\$18,370 .10
Balance to Profit and Loss (Profit)		11,440 .32
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Total Debits		\$29,810 .42
Total Expenses		\$18,370 .10
Balance to Profit and Loss		14,940 .32
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Total Debits		\$33,310 .42

ELECTRIC MANUFACTURING ACCOUNT.

INCOME.

From	Lighting	\$26,605.75	
	Less Discounts and Rebates	2,258.29	
		<hr/>	\$24,347.46
From	Power	\$5,920.94	
	Less Discounts and Rebates	457.98	
		<hr/>	\$5,462.96
	Total Credits		<hr/> \$29,810.42

To give Electric Plant full credit, should show as follows:

Income from Private Consumers	\$29,810.42
Income from Town for Street Lights	3,500.00
Total Credits	<hr/> \$33,310.42

BALANCE SHEET.

Appropriations for Bond Payments		\$48,000 .00
Appropriations for Note Payments		19,200 .00
Appropriations for Construction		36,102 .39
Appropriations for Extraordinary Repairs		2,890 .00
Bonds Outstanding		27,000 .00
Notes Outstanding		20,000 .00
Interest Accrued, but not due		313 .33
Bills Payable		640 .16
Deposits		8 .00
Deposit Fund	\$8 .00	
Construction Fund	144 .46	
Land, Gas	1,200 .00	
Building, Gas	2,777 .30	
Machinery and Appliances, Gas	10,624 .05	
Street Mains	22,935 .42	
Gas Meters	3,104 .63	
Land and Water Power, Electric	6,000 .00	
Buildings, Electric	4,338 .44	
Steam Plant	756 .10	
Water Plant	11,472 .98	
Gas Producer Plant	2,687 .83	
Gas Engine Plant	7,349 .85	
Electric Plant	3,593 .25	
Electric Lines	32,961 .31	
Transformers	8,004 .61	
Electric Meters	10,272 .09	
Street Arc Lamps	470 .65	
Street Incandescent Lamps	1,494 .98	
Operating Fund	720 .53	
Inventory	6,108 .63	
Bills Receivable, Gas	962 .58	
Bills Receivable, Lighting	4,569 .25	
Bills Receivable, Power	874 .43	
Bills Receivable, Jobbing	169 .71	
Profit and Loss Account	10,552 .80	
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	\$154,153 .88	\$154,153 .88

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

EXPENDED FOR.

Lines and Wires	\$20,865.78	
Electric Meters	979.95	
Transformers	2,578.80	
Street Incandescent Lamps	62.31	
Gas Meters	694.74	
Mains and Services	3,604.13	
	<hr/>	\$28,785.71

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For Balance from last account	\$20,716.71	
Amount appropriated for Bond Payment	3,500.00	
Interest paid	1,346.66	
Interest accrued to December 31	650.00	
Bad debts	182.18	
Amount charged off for Depreciation of Plant as follows:		
On Gas Plant	{ Machinery	884.37
	{ Street Mains and Services	1,108.10
	{ Meters	141.89
	{ Gas Engine Plant	722.39
	{ Steam Plant	74.78
	{ Electric Plant	189.12
On Electric Plant	{ Street Lines	1,008.79
	{ Arc Lamps	52.29
	{ Incandescent Lamps	75.40
	{ Transformers	303.54
	{ Gas Producer Plant	233.72
	{ Meters	511.16
By Amount appropriated for Operation		\$7,000.00
Balance of Gas Manufacturing Account		2,539.81
Balance of Electric Manufacturing Account		11,440.32
Balance of Jobbing Account		168.17
Balance		10,552.80
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	\$31,701.10	\$31,701.10

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

BONDS.

1916			1916		
June	Transferred from	\$3,500 .00	Dec. 31	Orders drawn	\$3,500 .00
	Operation Acct.				

INTEREST.

1916			1916		
Dec. 31	Transferred from	2,020 .00	Dec. 31	Orders drawn	2,020 .00
	Operation Acct.				

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD SALARIES.

1916			1916		
Dec. 31	Transferred from	300 .00	Dec. 31	Orders drawn	300 .00
	Operation Acct.				

DEPRECIATION ACCOUNT.

1916			1916		
Jan. 1	Balance	8,216 .52	June 30	Transferred to	
June 30	Transferred from			Cons. Acct.	3,000 .00
	Operation Acct.	5,305 .55	Dec. 31	Transferred to	
				Cons. Acct.	10,068 .28
			Dec. 31	Orders drawn	453 .79
		<u>\$13,522 .07</u>			<u>\$13,522 .07</u>

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

1916			1916		
Jan. 1	Balance	\$361 .89	Dec. 31	Orders drawn	28,785 .71
June 30	Transferred from		Dec. 31	Bal. in Town	
	Operation Acct.	8,000 .00		Treasury	144 .46
June 30	Transferred from				
	Depreciation Acct.	3,000 .00			
Dec. 31	Transferred from				
	Operation Acct.	7,500 .00			
Dec. 31	Transferred from				
	Depreciation Acct.	10,068 .28			
		<u>\$28,930 .17</u>			<u>\$28,930 .17</u>

OPERATION ACCOUNT.

1916		1916	
Jan. 1	Bal. in T. Treas.	\$5,213.20	June 30 Transferred to
Jan. 1	Cash in office	757.37	Deprec. Acct. \$5,305.55
Mar. 27	Appropriation	7,000.00	June 30 Transferred to
			Const. Acct. 8,000.00
Dec. 31	Collections	39,687.14	June 30 Transferred to
			Bond Acct. 3,500.00
			Dec. 31 Transferred to
			Interest Acct. 2,020.00
			Dec. 31 Transferred to
			Munic. Lt. Board
			Salaries Acct. 300.00
			Dec. 31 Transferred to
			Construction Acct.
			7,500.00
			Dec. 31 Orders drawn 25,303.63
			Dec. 31 Cash in office 444.51
			Dec. 31 Bal. in Town
			Treas. 284.02
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		\$52,657.71	\$52,657.71

Respectfully submitted

GEORGE A. PHILBROOK,

Treasurer

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SEWERS.

We have at present two main sewer outlets, one at Wareham St. The one at Wareham St. has a hundred and sixty-one entrances. The one at Mayflower Ave. has two hundred and sixty-seven, making in all four hundred and twenty-eight. We have taken in for sewerage entrances and work incidental to the sewers \$394.18. The town appropriated \$500 for the maintenance of sewers; we have in 1916, spent on sewers \$771, leaving the sewer in debt to the town of Middleboro, \$377.82, and this has been one of our easy years in sewer work. In 1915 we spent \$700 more than we took in, showing that in 1915 and 1916 the sewerage system in Middleboro has cost the taxpayers of Middleboro over \$1100 more than they have received in income. I think the time has arrived when we should have a sewerage rental I would suggest that the sewerage be extended from Pierce St. down Pearl St. extension to North St., down School St. from Reland to North St., down North St. to Rice St. and Rice St. from Pierce to North St. the three to be intersected at the foot of Rice St. to a tank cistern in the Pierce pasture on the bank of the Nemasket River.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CONNOR,

Supt. of Sewers.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF
THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASS.

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1917.

Articles 1. To choose all necessary town officers, the following officers to be voted for on one ballot, viz.: One moderator for one year, one town treasurer, one collector of taxes, eight constables, three fish wardens, one auditor, three fence viewers, one tree warden, all for one year each, one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, three trustees of the Public Library, two members of the school board, one member of the Board of Health, and one member of the municipal light board, all for three years.

The polls for the election of these officers will be open at half past eleven o'clock A. M. and will not close before eight o'clock P. M.

Article 2. To vote by ballot "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Article 3. To raise such sums of money, by tax or otherwise, as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town, for the current year, appropriate the same, and to act anything in relation to the assessment of and collection of taxes for the year.

Article 4. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to borrow during the municipal year, beginning January 1, 1917, in anticipation of the revenue of said year such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the date thereof, All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the revenue of the present municipal year.

Articles 5. To hear the report of any committees or officers of the town, to appoint any committee, and act thereon.

Article 6. To allow accounts against the town and act thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote that the yards of persons chosen Field Drivers shall be town pounds as long as they remain in office, provided they shall be elected pound keepers.

Article 8. To dispose of money received for dog licenses, and other licenses, the present year and act thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to pay the expenses of one or more police officers in the village and act thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will appropriate any money to be expended by Post 8, G. A. R., on Memorial Day and act thereon.

Article 11. To see what action the town will take in relation to oiling the streets and act thereon.

Article 12. To see what action the town will take in relation to concrete or other sidewalks, appropriate any sum of money for same and act thereon.

Article 13. To appoint a committee on appropriations and act thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to institute, defend, or compromise suits for or against the town during the ensuing year, and act thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to be expended for the employment of a district nurse.

Article 16. To see if the town will appropriate money for band concerts the coming season and act thereon.

Article 17. To see what action the town will take in relation to disposing of its rights to take alewives for one year or a term of years, and act thereon.

Article 18. To see what action the town will take to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the George Washington Memorial building at Washington, D. C.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to accept Cromwell Street as laid out by Selectmen and act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to lay out road from foot of Sproat Street to Plymouth Street through property of Pierce Trustees and Lorenzo Wood in accordance with taking made by Selectmen. Appropriate money therefor and act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 423 of the Acts of 1909. (Recommended by Police Department).

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to accept an extension of West Street from its present terminus to West Grove Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, and act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will take any action toward defending its rights in the waters of Lake Assawampsett and its tributaries, appropriate money therefor and act anything thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 153 of the General Acts of 1916, the same being an act relative to license fee for slaughter houses in towns having less than ten thousand inhabitants.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to extend its sewage system, appropriate money therefor and act anything thereon.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to appropriate any money for the support of the Plymouth County Farm Bureau and act anything thereon.

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